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REVIEWS

The War in the East, from the Year 1853 till July, 1855. By General George Klapka. Translated from the Original Manuscript by Lieut.-Col. Mednyánszky. Chapman & Hall. In that band of youthful warriors which the Hungarian War elevated into fame, only one-Arthur Görgey-achieved wider renown as a soldier than General Klapka. In one respect the latter soldier was happier than all his fellows:he alone was able, from the ramparts of Comorn, to treat with his enemy as one power treats with another. He alone surrendered his arms on honourable and distinguished conditions. From first to last he kept the reputation of an unconquered general.

When the war broke out in the East, General Klapka repaired to Constantinople, where his sword was instantly in request. His own in-clination, and the desire of Omar Pasha, pointed to the Danube as the scene of his future service; but Austria protested strongly against the employment near her frontier of the Hungarian leader; and as Austria was the "ally to a certain extent" of the Porte, the latter unwilliadar alliancial and a succession of the strongly against the extension of the strongly against the succession of the succession lingly relinquished her design. A further intrigue at Constantinople, backed by menaces and offers, kept him out of a command even in Armenia. Compelled to remain a mere spectator of the war, General Klapka nevertheless continued in the East, hoping against hope for the opportunity that never came, but meditating with a soldier's acuteness on the military drama passing before his eyes. The results of this meditation lie in 'The War in the East.'

It is a volume of criticism on the conduct of the war. It deals with the policy of our cabinets and the strategy of our commanders. The form of the work is purely scientific; the spirit is cold, sedate, and formal. It contains no pictures, no incidents, no portraits. General Klapka speaks of the war, of the merits of the soldier, the mistakes of the commander, as Napoleon spoke of the Seven Years' War. To him it appears a drama, that compels his attention without touching his heart. He regards it from a distance as a study, proper to the soldier and the politician; and his main interest in the campaign seems to be an intellectual interest. Hence there is no noise, no clamour, no echoes from the battle ground, no stench from the charnel, in his pages. He has no more passion than Euclid. He does not deem it necessary to describe; and he indulges himself in no more narrative than is necessary to the vivid compre-hension of results. 'The War in the East' is neither more nor less than General Klapka's "opinion," drawn up in a very careful and ela-borate form, on the conduct of the contest with

People will estimate the value of this "opin-ion" differently. Those who look upon the author's career in Hungary with unmingled admiration—and these are many—will naturally attach more importance to his free criticisms on our past efforts and future prospects than those who in their friendliness to Austria are impatient with all who have ever risen in arms against her power. But there are few who-in the present juncture of our affairs—will not read the views of such a soldier with deep interest. As yet we have had few independent military opinions made public as to the policy of the war in the Crimea; and the most eminent of those who have pronounced on the point in England, Sir Howard Douglas, condemned the leaguer of Sebastopol, even in the early part of the siege, when civilians were every hour expecting news that it had fallen into our hands, as a disastrous

blunder. General Klapka arrives, by an entirely | that score. The increase of the Turkish army at different road, at the same result. verdict, pledged as we are to carry out our work or sacrifice the prestige of our arms, is not The reader would, doubtless, feel happier if he could reject the opinion of the Hungarian general as not entitled to consideration. Can he?

General Klapka is evidently not much impressed with the sagacity displayed by our Western statesmen in their relations with Russia. He accuses them of not seeing from the beginning the real nature of the Muscovite aggression; and of frustrating, in the imaginary sion; and of inustrating, interests of an impossible peace, the efforts of Omar Pasha's first advance upon the Danube, so mysteriously checked at the time, he writes a few words of explanation, which will be new to many readers .-

"In the beginning of October, the Turkish commander-in-chief sent a final summons to Prince Gortschakoff to evacuate the Principalities, which not being complied with, he ordered hostilities to be commenced on all points. The first shots fell before the manner of the Russian flotilla on the Danube. This was followed by a movement on the left wing, where a corps crossed the Danube to Kalafat, and, after having dislodged the enemy, occupied and fortified that place. More important occupied and rottned that place. More important were the operations of the main army. Here Omer Pasha commanded between 50,000 and 60,000 men in person, and at Toturkan, near Rustschuk, effected a passage across the river. His van not only succeeded in gaining a firm footing upon the left bank, near Oltenitza, but also in victoriously repulsing a furious attack of a strong division of Russians, on the 4th of November. The world now justly expected that these first advantages would be followed up by the rapid advance of the Turks upon Bucharest; when eight days later news spread of their having withdrawn from the Wallachian bank of the Danube, and retired into winter quarters at Shumla and its vicinity. By the victory on the 4th of November, Omer Pasha obtained possession of of November, Omer Pasha obtained possession of the road to Bucharest, which is only twenty-five miles distant from Oltenitza, and, as the superiority, both physical and moral, was on his side, the Rus-sians, scattered as they were over the whole land, could not have opposed him on this line with more than 25,000 men. How was it that Omer Pasha did not turn the first enthusiasm of his troops to a better account? Why did he not strike a decisive blow against the Russians at a moment when they were thrown off their guard and at a loss how to act? The mystery is now cleared up: diplomacy had put a stop to the advance of the Turks. At the news of the outbreak of hostilities and the passage of the Danube by the Turks, the Austrian Internuncio at Constantinople immediately made such vivid repre-sentations to the French and English ambassadors as to the danger that would accrue to the peace of Europe from a farther conflict between Turkey and Russia, that both the ambassadors of the Western Powers felt it incumbent upon them to use their influence with the Sultan, not only to order Omer Pasha to desist from pursuing the advantages he had already gained, but also to recross the Danube. The Turkish general obeyed, and thus one of the most favourable opportunities of humiliating the aggressor was lost."

So again, in General Klapka's opinion, when the Russians retired, discomfited, from before Silistria, the true policy of the Allies was to advance into the Principalities .-

"What was the reason for this precipitate retreat of the Russians? As far, at least, as probable sacrifices were concerned, they could not have weighed heavily in the balance of considerations; neither could the Russians have been influenced. as the Vienna journals would assert __ by the menacing attitude of Austria, and the concentration of troops on her borders; for, by the middle of June, the Austrian forces were so inconsiderable in the border

Shumla, where strong reinforcements were daily pouring in, and the arrival of the Allies at Varna, could alone have excited serious misgivings in Russian head-quarters, where no exact idea existed as to the strength of the relieving army; still less was Paskiewitsch led to presume that the Allies would have to halt at Varna for want of the means of transport, and leave the Turks to march on unsupported. At this juncture, it would have been too hazardous to continue the siege, and, with the Danube in the rear, await the attack of a superior enemy, while, at the same time, the Turkish left wing was likewise preparing for active co-operation with Omer Pasha. Against such odds, the prospect of taking Silistria bore no fair proportion; when, therefore, General Schilder's project for an accelerated attack did not lead to a speedy result, it was thought advisable to abandon the enterprise, and to take up a defensive position. To this step Russian diplomacy owes the advantage of having appeared to yield to the representations of Austria and Prussia, as well as of evincing its own inclination for peace. Meanwhile, the Turkish corps on the extreme left, probably strengthened by reserves from Sophia, and by the garrisons of Nicopolis and Sistow, advanced to the Aluta river; and, on the farther retreat of the Russians, crossed that river, establishing the com-munication with the main army by way of Giurgievo. Once in the fertile provinces on the left bank of the Danube, and amidst a population ready at a moment's notice to rise in arms against the invaders, the Turks who, together with a part of the auxiliary army of the Allies, now mustered at least 120,000 men, might have taken up a position, from whence, if not in this, at any rate early in the following year, they could have commenced offensive operations against the Russians in Bessarabia. But the interagainst the Kussians in Bessarabil. But the interference of Austria and the wonderful sagacity of diplomacy again damped the warlike ardour of the 'sick man.' Scarcely had the Russians began a retreat from Wallachia...which they did as they themselves later allowed, for strategical reasons, and by no means from fear of Austrian intervention, than Austria came forward to insist upon a separate treaty between herself and Turkey, in virtue of which she was to have the right of the exclusive occupation of the Principalities. By the prudent mediation of diplomacy, the treaty was concluded, and the first consequence thereof was that that power became an insurmountable barrier to the farther advance of the Turks, who soon afterwards were compelled to recross the Danube. Austria had gained her point. She now forced the Allies likewise to discontinue the war on the Danube, and look out for another field of action, somewhat more distant from her own borders. On the other hand, the Russians, protected in their flank, had now only to defend a short line in front, namely, the Danube, from the conflux of the Pruth to the sea, and were thus enabled to throw considerable forces upon every point likely to be threatened by the Allies.

If, out of deference to Austria, the Allies were unwilling at the moment to push the war forward into Bessarabia, General Klapka is of opinion that the theatre of war offering fewest difficulties, natural and artificial, to an invading army, and the greatest advantages to forces entering Russia for the purpose of inflicting a serious blow at her material resources and moral influence, was the Caucasian provinces. Speak-ing of the long resistance offered to Muscovite aggression by the martial tribes occupying those

districts, our author says:—

"All the efforts and sacrifices of Russia to subjugate the heroic races of the Caucasus have met with only partial and unsatisfactory results. Though the circle of their attack gradually draws closer and closer, and the defenders are driven farther and farther into the interior of their mountain fastnesses, yet their resistance and courage continue as determined as ever; and the smaller portion of them in the exposed valleys alone bend their proud necks beneath the Russian yoke. The rest are still free and independent, replying both to the promises and Austrian forces were so menosate and the Banat, that the provinces, in Transylvania and the Banat, that the the assaults of their aggressors with bullet and yata-former, for a length of time, had nothing to fear on gan. But whether oppressed or free, all races entertain a deadly and unconquerable hatred to everything that bears the name of Russian."

After some account of Schamyl and the Lesghian war against Muscovite supremacy in this mountain region, General Klapka sketches the plan of a campaign for the Allies:—

"On the evacuation of all the fortified places by the Russians, excepting Anapa, Gelendjik and Sudjuk Kale, the Allies were left at full liberty to land a few thousand men, on a point best suited for the purpose of erecting one or more entrenched camps, and making them the focus of the rising of the mountaineers. Whoever is acquainted with the poverty of the inhabitants, and their proportionate love of money, must acknowledge the fact that at the same cost required for the maintenance of a single English division, 50,000 men might be raised there, and after a little drilling and discipline under European and Turkish officers, be employed with the greatest advantage in the mountain warfare. Such a force, augmented by 10,000 irregular cavalry, under their own chiefs and Beys, likewise paid and supported by a Division of the Allies, would have been in every respect competent to undertake a double operation: namely, the main army to lay siege to Anapa and Sudjuk Kale in the north, to gain a firm footing on the Kuban, and to menace the Russian communications with the Caucasus; while to the south a corps was to penetrate into the interior of the mountains, to compel the wavering tribes to join the alliance against the common enemy, and, united with them, to take the defile of Dariel, thus clearing a way for a union with Shamyl. The Russians in Trans-Caucasia would thus have lost their only road across the mountains and been restricted to one line of communication and retreat by way of Derbend on the Caspian Sea, which, hedged in by a hostile Moslem population, bent upon rising at any moment, was one beset with insecurity and danger. What a mighty diversion, for facilitating the operations of the Allies upon the European theatre of war, and relieving the hard-pressed and reiteratedly defeated Turks in Asia!

An obstacle to an invasion on a grand scale from the eastern side of the Euxine-not dwelt on by General Klapka-is the serious engagement it would lead to with the mountain tribes. Hitherto the Allies have conducted the war alone. Alone they wage-alone they can conclude-it, when their aim is won. But if they throw themselves into Abasia and Imeritia, they must put themselves into communication with the warriors of Georgia and Daghestan-contract alliances with them-recognize their independence-and offer guarantees for the future. In one word, they must make the war of politics a war of principle. Here, however, for the moment, our statesmen hesitate. When hostilities broke out, the Allies, in the vain hope of gaining over the German powers, repudiated every desire of conquest and every design of changing an undertaking was wise is doubtful. How far it is binding in case of victory is still more doubtful. A cabinet trembling for its existence on the Adige and the Theiss-a sovereign nervously apprehensive of an invasion on the Rhine -might have been urged to draw the sword in defence of European rights, had the guarantee of these positions and possessions been less generously undertaken. At least this is the opinion of many liberal and energetic men. The undertaking of France and England to respect territorial arrangements enabled those who-willingly or unwillingly-must otherwise have joined our standards to hold aloof; and prevented those who were with us heart and soul from engaging in the perils of the conflict. Austria, without fear for Italy, can play as she pleases between the two parties. Prussia, safe on the Rhine, can repose on her sword. If compelled to declare themselves at the outset, both these powers would have joined the Alliance. Re-assured by the moderation of the Allies, they find themselves masters of their own acts-with nothing to lose by peace, nothing to gain by war. Why, then, should they incur its penalties? The same policy produces everywhere the same results; on both flanks of the Russian Empire as in the centre of Europe. Sweden hesitates; Schamyl stands spart. In neither country are we yet prepared to guarantee the future; and without such guarantee the people would be mad to draw the sword. Russia never forgives. Her memory is long, her vengeance terrible. Imeritia and Abasia offer us a magnificent line for operations against Southern Russia, as General Klapka points out; but we do not enter these countries because we cannot quit them in honour until we have thrown aside our proposal "not to interfere with territorial arrangements." If we enter into alliance with the Circassians, and accept their aid in humbling Russia, we shall be bound to secure their independence when we come to sign a treaty of peace. Here is the responsibility which keeps us at a distance from Schamyl.

From this point we may follow General Klapka into the Crimea; where he criticizes the particular military events, as in other places he disputes the policy of the invasion. Of the contest on the Alma, he says:—

" Much has been written with reference to this battle, and the dispositions of the united commanders have been subjected to severe criticisms. affairs stood, the offer of battle on the part of the Russians was the very thing the Allies wished for. The former could only take that step with forces greatly inferior to those of their adversaries, and it rested with the Allies so to manage the attack as to secure the total defeat of their enemy. Now that they had taken this decisive step, nothing could lead to satisfactory results-that is, to the intended coupde-main upon that fortress, save the annihilation of the Russians; or, at any rate, their entire defeat, and the cutting them off from Sebastopol. Most military critics assert that the destruction of the Russian army might have been accomplished had the Allies directed their principal attack against the right flank of the Russians, instead of their centre, and thus driving them into the sea. We, for our part, do not agree with this view. Such a movement, from the absence of cavalry, could only have been executed with extreme difficulty and danger, and its sole effect would have been to compel the Russians the sooner to abandon their position on the Alma, and to retreat behind the Katcha and Belbeck. The driving them into the sea—of which the critics speak would certainly not have ensued; for we must give the Russians credit for common sense enough to have discovered their perilous position in time to have saved themselves by a hasty retreat. On the other hand, we believe that a manœuvre against the Russian left flank, executed with three divisions instead of one, under Bosquet, and supported by a simultaneous assault along the whole line, would have cut off the Russians from Sebastopol, and compelled them to fall back upon Bakchisarai. Had the Allies at this juncture followed up their success without delay and pursued Menschikoff, he would have had no chance left but to continue his retreat upon Simpheropol, and in the event of his being cut off from that town as well, a thing by no means impossible, to throw himself into the mountains. Part of the Allied troops might then have been employed in observing the Russians, while the rest would have proceeded to the assault of the fortress. The battle of the Alma, however, was a mere front attack, and, except the movement of the division of Bosquet, there is not one skilful manœuvre to be recorded. Had not Bosquet made his appearance just at the right moment upon the heights on the left flank of the Russians-which he did rather on his own account than in consequence of his dispositions-the latter would most likely have remained masters of the battle-field. The two commanders may justly be reproached with having advanced without the necessary knowledge of the country and the indispensable reconnaissances which would have made up for the want of the former. Lord Ragian

was quite right—though St.-Arnaud took it in bad part — to await the first success of the French ere he commenced an attack with his own troops; for, to ensure victory, it was requisite first to shake the Russian left wing, and dislodge them from the road to Sebastopol; then was the time for the English to fall upon the Russian right wing. At the continued importunities of St.-Arnaud, however, Lord Raglan conceded the point, the consequence of which was a considerable loss to the Allies, and only the partial defeat of the enemy."

We produce these opinions as we find them, without comment, leaving them to the reader's consideration. Of the proceedings after the battle, General Klapka speaks with less reserve. He allows that the celebrated "flank march" was well made; but he contends that, in a military point of view, it was a mistake. He thinks the fortress should have been immediately assaulted:—

" On the 23rd the army advanced to the Katcha, and not encountering the enemy there pushed forward on the following day to the Belbeck, where they only found a few detachments occupying the entrenchments at the mouth of that river. It was now evident that Menschikoff was determined not to wage a second battle in open field, and thus the opportunity of retrieving the mistake on the Alma upon the banks of one or other of the neighbouring rivers slipped from the grasp of the Allied com-Now that they stood in close proximity manders. to the works of Sebastopol as well as to the army of Menschikoff, the Allies, amounting to 50,000, all at once discovered how much they had underrated the difficulties of the expedition, and in what disproportion their means were to the magnitude of the undertaking. At the same time considerations as to their own safety began to press heavily upon them. The Russian reinforcements from Odessa were rapidly moving down by way of Perekop: thus if they persisted in their plan of operations against the northern fortifications, they ran the risk of losing their land communication with Eupatoria, and of being taken in the rear by a relieving army, while vainly sacrificing time and forces upon those works. motives, and not the sinking of a few vessels at the entrance to the harbour of Sebastopol, induced St.-Arnaud and Lord Raglan to abandon their design upon the north fort, and to execute their memorable flank manœuvre to Balaklava. The possession of both the harbours of Kamiesh and Balaklava secured them in the rear, and offered a tolerably firm basis of operations. No wonder that both the leaders felt greatly relieved, when they found themselves sheltered; the French in their enthusiasm going so far as to call the Bay of Kamiesh the Bay of Providence. The flank march of the Allies succeeded marvellously. Had they but taken advantage of the surprise of the enemy, and attempted an immediate assault upon the city, which at that moment was weakly garrisoned, they might possibly have succeeded in carrying both the town and the arsenal ere the Russians had time to erect regular works of defence. But, instead of this, they took to protracted reconnoitrings, in this case overdoing what had been utterly disregarded on the Alma, where a more accurate reconnaissance would have assisted them in a better arrangement of the plan of battle. Here, on the contrary, protracted reconnoitrings led to perpetual indecision and preparation, and finally to a formal siege, which had never entered the calculation of the Allies in the original plan of the expedition. One daring and rapid blow, even at a heavy sacrifice, might still in the present state of affairs have led to a favourable issue; and if the Allies had not had determination enough at once to have recourse to such an extreme expedient, they ought immediately to have returned to their vessels. Pelissier, the present French commander-in-chief, would in all probability have been the very man for such a contingency; both Canrobert and Lord Raglan were wanting in energy. They thought such an act of daring did not tally with their conscience and the responsibility devolving upon them. How incomparably more victims has the winter campaign cost the Allies than a bold assault under the protec-tion of some easily-constructed batteries at the end of September!"

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The siege of the south side of Sebastopol, without investment of the fortress, without disturbing the army in the field,—he condemns in the most absolute terms as a blunder.—

"By their attack upon the south side of Sebastopol, the Allies embarked on an enterprise which has no strategical aim, and considering the attendant difficulties, which so greatly delay the issue, promises no compensation proportionate to the enormous sacrifices which it has already and still will cost them."

General Klapka gives us little room for hope, so long as we remain in our present position before Sebastopol.—

"It is not difficult to foresee who will be the gainer at the end of this protracted and sanguinary contest. By the reiterated assaults upon the fortress the Allies will dwindle away at a fearful rate, the Russian losses bearing no proportion to theirs; the balance between the contending parties will thus soon be restored, and the former, in spite of their indomitable courage, be unable to extend operations beyond the narrow space they at present occupy."

"The conquest of the Crimea," he says in another place, "can only be accomplished by successful operations on the Continent." Indeed, he plainly tells us that our only chance of gaining our end is to re-embark our forces, quit the leaguer of Sebastopol, and transfer the seat of war to the mainland. He puts a case:—

"Supposing that the Allies should, in the end, and at the cost of half their army, obtain possession of the south side of Sebastopol; what then? The Allies, when once masters of the town, have two alternatives: either to content themselves with what they have done, and order a re-embarkation of their troops, or to decide upon a continuation of operations. In the first case, the success of the enterprise would only be partial, for if the vessels were sunk, the dockyards, arsenals, forts, the whole city, everything destroyed on the south side, the northern fortifications would still stand unconquered, and from their commanding heights look disdainfully upon the departing squadron: in the latter case, the first thing naturally suggested to us is, whether it would not be more reasonable for the Allies to desist from expending the flower of their armies in the Crimea, and to select another sphere of action, where gain and loss might be balanced more proportionately, and the object of the war, as well as its ultimate issue, be really brought within their grasp?

General Klapka finds himself in the end at the point which reasoners of another class have reached by a different road—Poland and the Nationalities. He sees only one vulnerable place in Russia,—and he would transform a war of statesmen into a war of freedom. "As soon," he writes with Oriental enthusiasm, "as the Allies change their present word, 'the integrity of Turkey,' for 'the liberation of the oppressed nationalities,' they will have 1,000,000 of combatants at their disposal." He refuses to admit that this war is a Turkish question. With him it is European. In conclusion, he sketches a new plan of operations, embracing these six points:—

We quote his words without comment for the consideration of those whom they may more particularly concern.

Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Great Britain and of the Museum of Practical Geology.—Mineral Statistics of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for 1853 and 1854. By Robert Hunt. Longman & Co.

In his Introduction to the statistics contained in these Memoirs, Mr. Hunt remarks on the discrepancies between previous statements of the annual produce of coal in Great Britain. Thus, Mr. J. C. Taylor estimates it at 31,500,000 tons; Mr. J. R. M'Culloch at 34,600,000; Mr. Braithwaite Poole at 34,000,000; Mr. T. Y. Hall at 56,550,000; "a particularly careful writer" quoted by Mr. Hall, at 52,000,000; and Mr. J. Dickinson, Inspector of Coal Mines, at 54,000,000. These calculations were not all made at the same time, but they range within a period of ten years, and a difference of 20,000,000 tons is to be noted in two statements almost simultaneously made. Obviously, therefore, new lights were required upon this subject,-especially as no question connected with our national prosperity is more interesting than that of the extent and probable duration of our coal-fields. Upon this point, also, opinions stand as widely apart as the Arctic from the Antarctic circle. There are those who predict that myriads of years will not see those black Procrustean beds exhausted, while others inquire ominously "What are we to do for fuel when the inevitable scarcity sets in?" A third, and a very comfortable idea is, that in the hidden laboratories of the earth Nature is perpetually changing a certain substance into coal; but we need not say, that such discussions are often carried on out of the circle of science, so that many good citizens are soothed or frightened by theories which have no place in the philosophy of practical geologists.

Mr. Hunt set out with a plan as well as a purpose. Circular letters were distributed over the coal districts, requesting the supply of details respecting the produce of the collieries in each field. Of these, "a considerable number were returned, giving the desired information; but the result was necessarily incomplete. Every coal-producing county in England and Wales was visited, however, and personal in-quiries were made, in reply to which the owners and the lessees of the collieries, often at the expense of much labour to themselves, afforded clear and minute information. Other methods were adopted to check the calculations thus made, such as an examination of the sea and railway transit of coals, — and it may con-sequently be assumed that a tolerable approximation to exactitude has been obtained. At all events, since the Report is to be published annually, with corrections and additions, it will not be long before our coal statistics are placed upon a satisfactory basis.

It should be mentioned that the Memoirs include, also, returns of other mineral produce in Great Britain and Ireland. But our first interest centres in the coal. From 2,397 collieries enumerated in the United Kingdom, 64,661,401 tons were raised, worth nearly 15,000,000., or nearly 9,000,000 tons above the quantity stated in the highest figures previously quoted,—those of Mr. T. Y. Hall. Of tin, the annual produce is stated at 5,763 tons, which, at from 112. to 118. a ton, would be worth nearly 700,000. Of copper, 13,000 tons were produced in 1854, worth about 1,229,000.; of lead, 64,000 tons; and of silver, 700.000 ounces. Of pig-iron the produce was 3,069,838 tons, valued at 9,500,000. Mr. Hunt has ascertained that more than 300,000 persons are employed in mining operations in Great Britain,—nearly one-third of them being males under twenty, while nearly 9,000 are

females, and of these the larger proportion under twenty years of age. It formed no part of Mr. Hunt's design to enter upon the investigation how long our abundant stores of coal are likely to endure, and how far the colliers' operations may be extended without forestalling the supplies of future years. We infer that he shares none of the alarm which has in some quarters been expressed.

Black's Guide to the Picturesque Scenery of Derbyshire, including Matlock Bath, Chatsworth, Buxton, Castleton, Dovedale, and every other place of interest. Edinburgh, A. & C. Black.

LORD Byron very truly said, that "there are things in Derbyshire as noble as Greece or Switzerland." He might have added, and pro-bably he meant, that Derbyshire could boast of as many "worthies" as either of the places with which he contrasted it with respect to "things." It gave two Cardinals to the Sacred College, in the persons of Roger Curson and Phillip de Repington, -and had a worthier son than either of these in the gallant but unfortunate Willoughby, who, in the last year of Edward the Sixth, went forth on a voyage of Arctic discovery, with a commission which "bore date from the year of the world 5515, because they might have occasion to present it to Pagan princes";-a proof how the Government of the olden time provided against all contingencies, however remote. How touching is Hakluyt's description of the feelings of the Derbyshire "Captain General," and the commanders of the two vessels sailing under him! "They oftentimes looked backe, and could not refraine from teares, considering into what hazards they were to fall, and what uncertainties of the sea they were to make trial of." The tears, however, if tears there were, probably arose, like Bailly's shivering, when on his way to the scaffold, not from fear or tender feeling, but from cold. Linacre, the great physician of the days of the last two Henrys, was a native of the countytown. How another Derbyshire man has sung the beauties of the Dove, we need not tell; and not far from the spot where modest Cotton wrote his tuneful lines, and was visited by good Izaak Walton, Moore, amid Derbyshire snows, painted the rosy summers of his 'Lalla Rookh. word "poet" signifies doer; but this county can boast of more profitable doers than the richest of versifiers. Among these are Brindley, the self-taught engineer; Strutt, whose merited reself-taught engineer; Strutt, whose merited reputation is connected with ribbed-stockings; the godlike Mompesson, who, amid the plague-stricken at Eyam, reminds us of St. Charles Borromeo at Milan; and Arkwright, who, though not a native, did as much for the fame and prosperity of the county as any of the children more peculiarly its sons. On the other hand, there was Darwin, a resident "doer" in a double sense. He founded the Philosophical Society, and is celebrated not only Philosophical Society, and is celebrated not only for the 'Loves of the Plants,' but his own. In his capacity of physician he attended Colonel Pole at Derby. The gallant patient died, and the Doctor married the widow of the "amiable trépassé." Among the other celebrities we may record Flamsteed, the poor sick boy, who be-came Astronomer-Royal, Richardson, the novelist, Hutton, the county historian, Mawe, the mineralogist, and "Wright, of Derby," the clever painter, richer in merit than honorary diplomas, and of whom, in reference to this last circumstance, may be said what Piron would have had said of himself, "qu'il ne fût rien, pas naive, Watson, has the reputation of having assisted Gibbons in the marvellous wood-earyings which are still the glory of Chatsworth. It

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was at the latter place that Tallard, the great | to be superstitious practices, and he put them | captive from the field at Blenheim, passed a portion of a captivity which was rendered so pleasant to him, that in reckoning up the days of his detention he omitted those spent in the mansion of the Duke of Devonshire. It was in the same princely dwelling that Hobbes found a home, and unlimited permission for smoking. He passed many days here, not with "his pipe and his can," but in the enjoyment of tobacco and books. "In his own room ten or twelve pipes were ranged in a row on his table, ready to be used in succession; he then commenced his usual afternoon's employment of smoking, thinking, and writing, which he continued for several hours;—like Jupiter, involved in clouds of his own raising." This classical simile re-minds us of a Greek who was called the son of Persuasion; and were it not for the obstinate anachronism, we should say that his sire lived, last century, in the county-town of Derby. The individual to whom we now refer was a Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, who must have been a "terrible hand" at a charity sermon. If All Saints' Church be the pride of the place, it is chiefly owing to the irresistible begging of Dr. Hutch inson. An instance of his power is given in the fact, that "when the Waites fiddled at his door, for a Christmas-box, instead of sending them away with a solitary shilling, he invited them in, treated them with a tankard of ale, and persuaded them out of a guinea."-When we add that Miss Seward was born at Elam, and that the poetical Furness, author of 'The Rag-Bag,' is another boast of this fatally celebrated village, we have made out, we think, as fair a selection of "Worthies" as may satisfy the most exorbitant local vanity.

The county, as we have previously noticed, is as famous for "things" as for "men. abounds in princely residences, of which Chatsworth, Haddon Hall, and Hardwicke, are among the principal. These are described briefly, but well; with far more ability than used to mark the more expensive guides, or county histories, of the olden time. Anecdotes and incidents abound; but we miss some that are less known than several here recorded. and which were worth preserving. No mention is made of the once-existent privilege, by which Derbyshire men could ride into London toll-We look to works like these not only for such information, but also for an account of the origin of such privileges. Again, we find incidental mention made of the relics of Druidical customs still existing at Elam,-where it is still a usage to anoint the weak eyes of children with the sacred May-dew. Among the Elam lead-miners too still linger, we are told, words that may be traced to an Asiatic and Latin The author might have noticed an old origin. mining law, in Derbyshire, according to which it was enacted, "That whosoever stealeth ore twice shall be fined; and the third time, struck through his hand, with a knife unto the haft, into the stow, and shall there stand until death, or loose himself by cutting off his hand." Fuller says that this law was confirmed by an English Parliament in the reign of Edward the First; but even he does not add that the penalty, like some of the mining vocabulary, was of Asiatic origin; and that, from the earliest times, it was the custom thus to punish an otherwise incorrigible thief among the Asiatic Tartars.

While on the subject of penalties, let us remark upon the singular one inflicted by Henry the Eighth's agent, Sir William Blossett, when employed upon the destruction of "superstitious images," &c. in this county. The zealous knight, it seems, took Buxton in his way, and finding nothing but the baths and wells there, he pronounced cleanliness and water-drinking

down accordingly. "My Lord," he says, in a triumphant letter to Lord Cromwell, "I have locked up and sealed the baths and wells of Buckston, that none shall enter to wash there, till your Lordship's pleasure be further known, whereof I beseech your Lordship that I may be ascertained again at your leisure, and I shall not fail to execute your Lordship's commandment to the utmost of my wit and power.' Had this knight possessed no more power than he did wit, he might have been less celebrated, but he would not have been half so mischievous.

Agriculture, in Derbyshire, is classed as "backward," but mining and manufacturing seem increasingly flourishing. In former days there was a proverb, which said of an honest man that he was "as true steel as Ripon rowels"; but Ripon rowels are now only to be found in this old saw,-it is at Bolsover that are made the spurs with which modern knights "go pricking o'er the plain." But for fuller information on Derbyshire productions generally, on, or below, the surface of the earth,-for sketches of its hills and valleys,-the edifices upon and the caves with their inhabitants beneath them,-for amusing anecdotes of the living and a very good collection of epitaphs on the dead,—we must refer the reader to the volume itself. There are matters in it, however, that may be amended. We know of no picture at Chatsworth catalogued as Guida Aurora; and though we have heard of a French translator who described a tragedy by Congreve as 'La Fiancée du Matin.' we still doubt the assertion made by the author of this book, to the effect that "Congreve wrote part of his "Morning Bride," in a grot near the hall," at Elam.

The Renaissance—[Renaissance, &c.]. By J. Michelet. Paris, Chamerot.

THE seventh volume of M. Michelet's remarkable History of France is occupied with the period of the Renaissance. The writer has here interwoven, with singular art, the annals of the French and Italian nations. He sketches, in a brilliant but fantastic Introduction, the preliminaries of his subject, the decay of Art,the corruption of Literature, -and the renewal of a creative spirit in Europe ;-he passes from this to describe the wars of Charles the Eighth beyond the Alps, and, at this point, suddenly presents a studied paradox which is not without a semblance of truth, that Italy was then first discovered by France. It was before as a cloudland across the mountains, a legendary peninsula in the purple southern seas; but now its Sibyl books were found, and a stream of learning, bursting from the broken urns of ancient history, flowed onward to the Pyrenees.

But to M. Michelet the Renaissance signified more than a return to antique principles in Art and to the forgotten forms of Nature. It was not the free work of fancy, the renovation of knowledge, or the recovery of ancient types, which distinguished that era as a stage in human progress. The Revival, properly so called, included, says the historian, Columbus, Copernicus and Galileo, the discoverers of heaven and earth, with the greatest of poets, of jurists, and of reformers. He thus abandons the Cinque-Cento dates, and extends his view over the sixteenth century. In the fifteenth, a fresh development of Art took place; but this was the result of influences which prohibited the growth of philosophic theories, and only gave liberty to the architect and painter, because their innovations had a moral meaning too subtle to be detected by dull kings or priests. These pedants, who incarnated the ignorance of the Middle Ages, could not perceive the intimate ties which linked the various energies of the

human mind and rendered free Art the forerunner of free Literature and Philosophy. Such, as M. Michelet views it, was the value of the Renaissance. He reveres it as the avatar of Europe, which came to overthrow the whole fabric of mediæval thoughts and institu-tions. For those mediæval forms of society, which excite the enthusiasm of temperaments different from his, he has no veneration. They were eccentric, monstrous, and prodigiously artificial. Nothing in them was respectable, except their age; nothing remarkable, except their tenacity. As it was, they remained three centuries too long; they ceased to have vitality three hundred years before the great Revival displaced them; and during this interregnum the saturnalia of religious and political mysticism, of bastard sciences, of sophisms and illusions, bewildered and degraded mankind. Thus, the mediæval genius did not expire in the fifteenth century; for, says M. Michelet, to die, a thing must live,—and the Middle Ages were dead long ago! They perished in the twelfth century, when lay poetry began to vie with the monkish legendary rhymes, and when Abelard set the example of criticism. They perished again in the thirteenth, when hardy mystics, ceasing to be critical, began to be speculative, and preached a new historical Evangel; -in the fourteenth they passed away at the sight of Dante's scenes in the three worlds,-and definitely, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, printing, antiquity, America, the East, and a grand revival of natural philosophy separated them from the fortunes of the modern world.

This account of fourfold death, which we cite from M. Michelet, sufficiently illustrates the singularities of his plan. The argument of the book violates all historical propriety: it is a display of ingenious anomalies, pervaded, however, by a sound opinion, and in the highest degree suggestive and original. In style, it is rapid, glittering and rich, though abrupt, irregular and fantastic. M. Michelet meditates like a poet, and narrates like a romancer. Like many Frenchmen, he loves to set his theory at the beginning of a chapter, in one startling line,—an epigram or a definition, which he proceeds elaborately to explain. This searching for effect is visible also in the historical portions, which display an abundance of picturesque artifices, so that the march of an army is presented to us as a spectacle, and the cabinet of a prince as a stage interior. All this has its power over the imagination, but the historian sometimes strains the habit to excess, and toys with the patience of his reader.

Such dramatic episodes, coloured into pictures by M. Michelet, are-the torchlight entrance of the French army into Rome-the tragic perils of Florence—the disasters of Pisa -the career of Savonarola, of Macchiavelli, and the Borgias—the sufferings of Milan, Brescia, and Venice—the Neapolitan wars and the crimes by which Swiss, German, and French drenched Italy with innocent and in-glorious blood. These events and these characters are depicted with a lavish use of rhetoric; but M. Michelet is too honest not to qualify his account, even of such men as the Borgias. He shows that even in their breasts some mild feelings reigned; and that they shared the characteristic emotions of humanity. In these, and in all other particulars, he exhibits much skill, as well as integrity,—for the impression produced by the book is that of a candid history, in which the writer is only warmed to eloquence by his love of truth and by the force of his convictions.

We may praise M. Michelet's work on the Renaissance to this extent without entirely submitting to its opinions. M. Michelet's theory '55

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of Art-culture is opposed to that of some of the most decided among our partisans. In architecture, especially, he contradicts the Gothic masters, and enthrones above their aspiring ideal the mathematical plans of Brunelleschi. Brunelleschi's system, indeed, appears to satisfy his judgment. It was framed upon severe principles, in contempt of the grotesque and fragile order of pinnacies, flying buttresses, and iron clamps. Why not rear a building which will sustain itself without external accessories and hidden devices to keep its parts together? So asked Brunelleschi, and so asks M. Michelet. The Florentine Cathedral, unrivalled in Italy, is the type of his architectural theory; and by this standard we may, in general, estimate his ideas of Italian art, especially that which arose soon after the Revival.

From that day, however, the Gothic order declined, though the great work of Brunelleschi was imitated by few,—only partially indeed by any. But M. Michelet embodies these statements briefly, since, while his plan compels him to discuss matters of Art, his inclination leads him to Politics, to Religion, and to Literature. Nor are his amplifications on these subjects altogether irrelevant. The volume before us, though entitled 'Renaissance,' forms part of the author's French History, and the portions of it devoted to the revival of Art are intended to illustrate and to explain the progress of thought in France. Satire, Sorcery, Casuistry, Astrology, and Alchemy are treated as influences which determined the direction of the native mind, before criticism and speculative philosophy dispelled their shadows and made way for purer tastes and deeper learning. It is on the basis supplied by these topics that M. Michelet develops his view of the connexion between the intellectual reforms which took place in Italy and France. Translated into ordinary language, his meaning is, that Italy was dead and France insane; that the armies of Charles the Eighth and of Louis the Twelfth penetrated to the Italian cities and arrived in time to receive the inspiration of a new genius that was about to arise in them; and that these expeditions, which were not armaments only, but the travels of France in miniature, let the light into the country which prepared them.

A quaint and peculiar view is thus offered of that extraordinary period; but M. Michelet writes with so much spirit that even his paradoxes are agreeable. Possibly the reader may find his prefatory outline tedious, and the more so because it is full of abrupt transitions and retrospects; but the volume is brilliant, whether regarded as an essay or as a narrative. The essay may be occasionally fantastic, the narrative frequently theatrical; yet these are M. Michelet's characteristics, and his work would not be so striking without them.

The Modern Scottish Minstrel; or, the Songs of Scotland of the Past Half Century: with Memoirs of the Poets, and Sketches and Specimens in English Verse of the most cele-brated Modern Gaelic Bards. By Charles Rogers, LL.D. Vol. I. Edinburgh, Black. IT would be hardly possible to produce a work like the one here commenced which should not contain new and amusing matter, tempting the reader to think, to compare,-if not "to tune up a stave";—but the specimen volume before us does not make good the promise of the Preface. There Dr. Rogers recommends himself in the old way, by referring to the "de-ficiencies of former collections" as a plea for the necessity of a new one. Has he looked into

it contains many well-selected and unfamiliar lyrics, with careful biographical notices. Such praise cannot be given on the present occasion without qualification. We are not satisfied that the text of Dr. Rogers is always correct; -we are sure that his taste in selection is questionable. Everybody familiar with the popular songs of Ireland and Scotland must have observed the tendency of the songsters to stumble into affectation and false sentiment when they meant to be most refined and deep in pathos. Burns himself could not always resist the temptation to clothe his thoughts in fustian, - did not always prove superior to the Dominie's desire of resorting to classical allusions. He sang sometimes of Chloris as well as of Coila:—he could not hand his "bonnie Leslie" across "the border" without declaring

She's gone, like Alexander, To spread her conquests further.

Into our model collection of Scottish Songs the fewest possible number of specimens thus specked and spoiled should be admitted. We do not hold it necessary to prove the peasanttraining of the sweetest of our northern singers by frequent recourse to such false and feeble illustrations. Why did Dr. Rogers print among the songs by the Author of 'The Siller Gun' a lyric like 'The Troops were embarked,' of which the second verse contains so astounding a specimen of namby-pamby as the following ?-

They parted from their dearest friends, From all their heart desires; And Rosabel to Heaven commends The man her soul admires!

The volume opens with a notice of the Rev. John Skinner, who may be called "modern, inasmuch as he died since the century came in, though he was born in the year 1721. Of the many songs by this reverend singer which are here printed, the only one worth preservation is 'Tullochgorum,' because of the daring rant of 'Tullochgorum,' because of the daring rant of its rhythm, which makes it a thoroughly musical lyric. In 'John o' Badenyon' occur Arcadian stupidities concerning "Phillis" and allusions of the hour to "Johnny Wilkes" and "Parson Horne." Skinner's words to 'Dumbarton Drums' and to 'Tibbie Fowler' (the latter heroine moralized into "Lizzie Liberty," by way of political significance) sing heavily, and have neither pith nor spirit to relieve the burden.—The Rev. W. Cameron stands the second in Dr. Rogers's list. By him, we have but one song, and this is in no respect remarkable.—The third "minstrel" is Anne Home, better known as the wife of John Hunter, the celebrated anatomist; and famous for her Canzonets, that will last as long as music lasts, though they are not Scottish in dialect, subject or metre. Surely it would have been worth our author's while to have recorded that it was Mrs. Hunter's words which were se-lected by Haydn to set. Perhaps he does not know this; since we doubt whether he is even correct in his text of Mrs. Hunter's songs. In the canzonet called 'Recollection' the line to the music runs,-

O days, too fair, too bright to last,

-the word "sweet," printed for "fair" in Dr. Rogers's version, is more cacophonous, without being more poetical.

We have, by chance, entered on the chapter of Scottish poetesses and new readings of old songs; and, in pursuance of both subjects, we come naturally to the notice of Lady Anne Barnard, who might be called "Single-Song Lady Anne, like "Single-Speech" Hamilton in right of his solitary oration. Whether a lyric of such high class as 'Auld Robin Gray' all that exist? A certain stout little 'Book of Scottish Song'—now twelve years old [Athen. is a topic for some new literary curiosity fancier was ever written by one who wrote so little besides Scottish Song'—now twelve years old [Athen. | is a topic for some new literary curiosity fancier | declared that Hope was on purpose, and not by No. 834]—is probably unknown to him:—albeit | to handle. It is true that a quarto volume of verse, | chance, lyrically and musically treated. Fur-

"composed by herself and by others of the noble house of Lindsay," is said to have been confided, by Lady Anne, to Sir Walter Scott, with a view to publication, and to have been "called in," by its author, after it was printed. "The copies of the work appear to have been destroyed," says Dr. Rogers. But it is hardly likely that so confirmed a bibliomaniac as Sir Walter Scott should not have retained one (to use Walpole's phrase concerning the copy of 'Bonner's Ghost,' printed on brown paper,) for his own "private eating"; and it was worth Dr. Rogers's while to have made a diligent search in the Abbotsford Library for such a precious relic of "bonnie Ladie Anne." This he does not appear to have done. In Lady Anne Barnard's song, too, as in Mrs. Hunter's Canzonet, another line is spoilt by a new reading, which, we think, is spurious. The fourth line in the second verse of the second or supplementary part of the ballad, is printed by Dr. Rogers as follows :-

And she drooped like a snowdrop broke down by the hail

— Sir Walter Scott, availing himself of the same verse as motto to one of the chapters in his 'Pirate,' gives "lily" for "snowdrop"; a word equally melancholy and twice as musical. Now, it is a well-known fact, once again stated here, that Lady Anne, when being pressed on the subject of the authorship fifty years after 'Auld Robin Gray' was written, wrote

"to Sir Walter Scott, with whom she was acquainted, requesting him to inform his personal friend, the Author of 'Waverley,' that she was, indeed, the author. She inclosed a copy to Sir Walter, written in her own hand; and with her consent, in the course of the following year, he printed 'Auld Robin Gray' as a contribution to the Ban-natyne Club."

The above remarks and inquiries are further justified by our author's confession with regard to Alexander Wilson's 'Auchtertool,' that he has ventured to omit three verses, and alter slightly the last line of the song. The verbal changes on which we have animadverted may be other 'venturings'" of a like kind. Whether they be or not, it is by the admission of such new readings, without question, that lyrics become vitiated past correction. Thus, in the notation of melodies, as we have often remarked, a flat or a sharp introduced by an incorrect ear, or a voice ill pitched, or a careless transcriber, ends in becoming a part of the accepted version, to the damage of what is symmetrical, and to the confusion of all save such as value the specimen in proportion as it offers crudities for partizanship to defend or for ingenuity to explain away.

Leaving Mrs. Grant, of Carron, the Author of 'Roy's Wife'—and that more famous Mrs. Grant — the Lady of Laggan — we are still among Scottish poetesses; and must still report on Dr. Rogers's book by offering addenda. His notice of Joanna Baillie as a song writer is meagre and incomplete. Not a line reminds us that Sir Walter Scott withdrew an outlaw chorus from 'Rokeby,' finding not only its thoughts, but its verbal burden too, anticipated in one of "Sister Joanna's" spirited lyrics. Not a line informs readers to come that this self-same glee, 'The Chough and Crow,' was (probably by the Great Unknown's own hand) promoted to its present place in 'Guy Mannering' when the romancer dramatized his romance in aid of his friend Terry. Then, seeing that the plays of Joanna Baillie are mentioned, it is strange that Dr. Rogers should have said no word concerning her drama on Hope, 'The Beacon,' — an omission the less pardonable because it contains some of her best songs,-and because in one of her ingenious prefaces she

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ther, what has 'The Maid of Llanwellyn'—a set of words written to a Welsh air by Miss Baillie—to do in a 'Modern Scottish Minstrel'?

Another Scottish songstress receives better treatment from Dr. Rogers than the gifted women from whom we have just parted; and seeing that her name is less familiar to the English than that of Mrs. Hunter, or Lady Anne, or the dramatist of "the Passions," and that she furnishes the freshest pages in this book, we will loiter for a while in her company. We allude to Lady Nairn. She was the songster (long time anonymous) who wrote 'Caller Herrin, 'The Laird o' Cockpen,' The Land o' the leal,' The Bonnie Brier Bush,' John Tod,' and 'The Women are a' gane wud,'half-a-dozen songs bearing the stamp of character, originality, and variety. Without some such command over variety there is no more possibility of being a great song-writer than of being a great actor. A single happy case of personal illustration—a fortunate utterance of the sorrows that beset or the hopes that animate - do not substantiate a claim for their owner to rank among the artists in either branch of Art. The genuine lyrists (as distin-guished from those who have written a happy lyric by accident) are those who can lyrically

who can laugh aloud, or weep sorrowfully, as the theme demands,—true in their sympathies in proportion as they avoid venting their experiences. Lady Nairn was one of the old house of Oliphant,—born in 1776,—christened Carolina (after Carolus), out of regard to the Jacobite prejudices of her ancestry,—and, when she was young, called "The Flower of Strathearn," as a tribute to her own great personal beauty. She began to write songs, we are told, under the honest purpose of furnishing the peasantry with words less ribald and equivocal than some of those which distinguished the pedlar's sheet, and were heard at the "ingle nook" when the ditty went round.—

"The occasion of an agricultural dinner in the neighbourhood afforded her a fitting opportunity of making trial of her success in the good work which she had begun. To the president of the meeting she sent anonymously her verses entitled 'The Ploughman'; and the production being publicly read, was received with warm approbation, and was speedily put to music. She was thus encouraged to proceed in her self-imposed task; and to this early period of her life may be ascribed some of her best lyrics. 'The Laird o' Cockpen' and 'The Land o' the Leal,' at the close of the century, were sung in every district of the kingdom."

This 'Land o' the leal' must be an example hard of digestion to those pedants and transcendentalists who have chosen to claim for music a significance of interpretation so precise and unalterable that any use of its language save one must be wrong. The air treated as a slow song is delicious,—breathing the very soul of pathos, with a tear in every note. Played as a quick-step, it inspired Burns with his fine war-song, 'Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled.' To continue for a moment—and in proof that our remark can be illustrated beyond the local circle of Scottish minstrelsy-thus, too, did the frolicsome, free-and-easy 'Groves of Blarney,' with an unimportant condensation of accent. yield to Moore that pathetic melody which he so deliciously mated with words in his 'Last Rose of Summer.'-But let us return to Lady Nairn. She seems to have been one of the women, not uncommon in England, who exercise their gifts for the pure pleasure of exercising them, and not with the slightest reference to publicity. The many songs which she contri-buted to the Scottish Minstrel were signed "B. B."; and were understood to have been

written by a visionary Mrs. Bogan of Bogan; and it was only when Lady Nairn reached an advanced period of life, and long after her words had been adopted by thousands of singers and ascribed to scores of authors, that the truth quietly crept out beyond the small circle of "confidential friends." Lady Nairn was accomplished in other worlds of Art,—she was skilled, we are here told, "in the use of the pencil." She was bounteous, too, in more gifts than those of her talents:—

"In an address delivered at Edinburgh, on the 29th of December, 1845, Dr. Chalmers, referring to the exertions which had been made for the supply of religious instruction in the district of the West Port of Edinburgh, made the following remarks regarding Lady Nairn, who was then recently de-ceased:—'Let me speak now as to the countenance we have received. I am now at liberty to mention a very noble benefaction which I received about a ago. Inquiry was made at me by a lady, mentioning that she had a sum at her disposal, and that she wished to apply it to charitable purposes; and she wanted me to enumerate a list of charitable objects, in proportion to the estimate I had of their Accordingly, I furnished her with a scale of about five or six charitable objects. The highest in the scale were those institutions which had for their design the Christianizing of the people at home; and I also mentioned to her, in connexion with the Christianizing at home, what we were doing at the West Port; and there came to me from her, in the course of a day or two, no less a sum than 3001. She is now dead; she is now in her grave, and her works do follow her. When she gave me this noble benefaction, she laid me under strict injunctions of secrecy, and, accordingly, I did not mention her name to any person; but after she was dead, I begged of her nearest heir that I might be allowed to proclaim it, because I thought that her example, so worthy to be followed, might influence others in imitating her; and I am happy to say that I am now at liberty to state that it was Lady Nairn of Perthshire. It enabled us, at the expense of 3301., to purchase sites for schools, and a church; and we have got a site in the very heart of the locality, with a very considerable extent of ground for a washinggreen, a washing-house, and a play-ground for the children, so that we are a good step in advance towards the completion of our parochial economy." -Such a woman as this is one of the figures which will perpetually cheer the student of British belles lettres and the historian of British society in the most private places to which his researches can lead him. Among modern Scottish songs, we know of few better than Lady Nairn's. The following is by no means her best; but we select it because it is less familiar than others that we have mentioned .-

Gude nicht, and joy be wi' ye a'!
The best o'joys maun hae an end,
The best o'friends maun part, I trow;
The langest day will wear away,
And I maun bid fareweel to you.
The tear will tell when hearts are fu',
For words, gin they hae sense ava,
They're broken, faltering, and few:
Gude nicht, and joy be wi' you a'!

Oh, we hae wander'd far and wide, O'er Scotia's lands o' frith and fell! And mony a simple flower we've pu'd And twined it wi' the heather-bell. We've ranged the dingle and the dell, The cot-house, and the baron's ha'; Now we maun tak a last farewell: Gude nicht, and joy be wi' you a'!

My harp, fareweel! thy strains are past, Of gleefu' mirth and heartfelt care; The voice of song manu cease at last, And minstreley itsel' decay. But, ol! whar sorrow canna win, Nor parting tears are shed ava, May we meet neighbour, kith, and kin. And Joy for aye be with sa'!

After the notice of Lady Nairn, the longest article is devoted by Dr. Rogers to Sir Walter Scott. But here again the biographical sketch seems to us executed heavily, and without discrimination:—since, after all, Sir Walter was a songster episodically rather than habitually; as such claiming alight and discerning touch. There

is a wide distinction betwixt the poet who writes for music—such as Burns, or Moore, or Barry Cornwall—and the poet whose thoughts and rhymes tempt the musician. The former must leave much to be done by his partner—the verses of the latter are as often encumbered as decorated by the volunteered companionship of another art. Curiously enough, with all their beauty and simplicity and flow, not one of Scott's Lochinvars, or County Guys, or Allen-a-Dales has become a popular song in the wide acceptation of the term.

On the "Metrical Translations from Modern Gaelic Minstrelsy," which close this first volume, we shall not here comment,—not having, for the moment, leisure to examine and compare them, as we have done with the ditties written in a more living language. But the lyrics of Duncan Macintyre — especially his long poem, 'Bendourain, the Otter Mount' (a series of pictures from the wilds of Glenorchy)—have vigour and local colour enough to justify a volume being devoted to him by any one thoroughly acquainted with the subject and able to treat it with gusto. Such a one—our notice will have rendered it evident—we do not conceive Dr. Rogers to be. It rests with himself to change our opinion in the five volumes of his collection which are still to come.

Proceedings of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society: a Selection from Papers relating to the Antiquities and Natural History of Yorkshire, read at the Monthly Meetings of the Society, from 1847 to 1854. York, Sotheran; London, Churchill.

WE have in these 'Proceedings' for several years some five-and-twenty original Papers, well printed, sufficiently well illustrated, all more or less connected in subject with the county of York, and contributed by persons whose names are a guarantee for the general accuracy and extent of their information upon the subjects with which they deal. Prof. Phillips, Mr. Gould, Mr. Strickland, Dr. Thurnam, Mr. Wellbeloved, -the venerable President of the Yorkshire Society-Mr. Davies, Mr. Newton, Mr. Yates, and other persons of reputation in their respective walks are contributors. That the Society has been seven years in concocting its volume does not speak well for its diligence, and it is a defect that we do not find in this volume any pictorial representation of the flint communicated by Mr. Anderson, and by him supposed to have been used by "our primitive ancestors for the purpose of tattooing." He states it to be "the first flint of the shape found in England."

"A register of citizens or freemen" of York, from Edward the First to Edward the Third, has furnished Mr. Davies with materials for a very curious Paper, principally upon the trades in which the citizens of that period were engaged. During the reigns of Edward the First and Second the bakers on the roll are 77, which is the largest number of any trade connected with the supply of food. Butchers, who come next, muster 66; fishermen, 24; fishmongers, 25; cooks, 30; poulterers, 7; salters, 13; saucers—who dealt in herbs and vegetables at well as sauces,—6; spicers, 22; which last, it is conjectured by Mr. Davies, supplied medicinal drugs as well as spices and condiments. It was not until towards the close of the reign of Edward the Second that the admission of a maltster, a brewer, and an ale brewer, "denotes the in-troduction of ale or beer as an article of trade," -that is, of course, apart from the sale at hostels and places of public resort. Even the number of such places seems to have been very '55

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roll. Workers in leather were at that time the principal handicraftsmen in the northern capital. Tanners, and persons who prepared skins for various purposes, termed "pelters, dubbers, and tewers," were very numerous; and so also were the manufacturers of the finished article, as girdlers, shoemakers, and cobblers. Mr. Davies does not find any persons mentioned as manufacturers of the leathern doublets and jerkins which were then the chief articles of male apparel. He therefore conjectures that the girdlers joined that branch of trade to the making of the specific articles from which they received their name. But leather was not the only wear. There were mercers, drapers, and tailors for the wealthy. But the very small number of the hatters and hosiers, and the one number of the natters and hosiers, and the one single glover, indicates that even the beaux of those days were not so scrupulous as ourselves in covering their heads or legs, whilst it was probably thought in the highest degree finical and unmanly to dream of hiding the hands under leather. Parmenters, who were makers of exclusive tight vestments, were of course of ecclesiastical vestments, were of course needed in connexion with the Cathedral and its clergy; whilst the character of the age rendered armourers, riveters, bowyers, lorimers, or dealers in horse furniture, spurriers, and gauntlet-makers, important functionaries whose acquirements were in continual demand.

The reigns of Edward the First and Second were not periods of improvement at York,—so says Mr. Davies; but we wish he had endeavoured to distinguish between the reigns of the noble father and the ignoble son. Under the vigorous government of Edward the Third, the old northern city made a great advance. The dealers in articles of food increased rapidly, and the clerk who entered the list was no longer ashamed to indicate "Bochers," and "Backsters," and "Fyschers," by the homely English titles of their trades, instead of by the Latin names under which they had been previously disguised. Near the close of the reign of Edward the Third a "vinter" makes his appearance,-no doubt deemed a portentous innovator. The inhabitants seem about the same time to have first discovered that there was much virtue in pure water, and accordingly began to employ people termed "water-leders," to bring them a constant supply from the Ouse, or other public sources. Contemporaneously with these innovations two "colliers" make their appearance, "from which it may be inferred that coal had become an article of trade and domestic con-sumption." But the most curious change in the reign of Edward the Third is in the relative proportions of the dealers in garments of leather and cloth. Whilst the girdlers decreased, York was inundated by a flood of 300 mercers, 70 drapers, and more than 300 tailors. Hatters, hosiers, and glovers became common; capmakers, pouch-makers, and patten-makers set up as separate trades; and the triumph of frippery was ultimately completed by the appearance of a "haberdasher." Perhaps the good people of York were even more astonished when "Nicholas le Yhonge de Flandres" first brought into use amongst them the domestic bellows, destined to yield, but not until after many centuries, to the simpler virtues of the Congreve match. The bellows in the Minster organ could probably be traced back to the days of the Anglo-Saxons. In the same reign of Edward the Third, "Adam de Oxenforth" made his appearance in York as the first practiser of the art of bookbinding, and John Crespyn, of Cambray, as the first medicus; 30 "barbours" were

Edwards, only nine taverners appear on the | thence of many of the most valuable branches of our manufacture,—sent to York in the same reign a body of skilful cloth-workers, who brought with them the Teutonic names for the several parts of their art,—names now long naturalized amongst us; as, for example, the Webster was the weaver, the Litester or Lister the dyer, and the Walker the fuller. Mr. Davies quotes from Walter Scott's 'Diary of his Voyage to the Hebrides,' a curious modern example of the fulling of cloth by walking. It was at Kilmore, in the Isle of Sky. "In a cottage at no great distance," remarks Sir Walter, "we heard the women singing as they waulked the cloth by rubbing it by their hands and feet, and screaming all the while in a sort of chorus. At a distance the sound was wild and sweet enough, but rather discordant when you approached too near the performers." It seems curious, adds Mr. Davies, to discover in this remote part of the kingdom, the method of fulling cloth as practised in York in the fourteenth century. Mr. Davies's Paper contains a multitude of details of this description, valuable to the historian of manners and language. Would we had such particulars respecting every city in the kingdom!

The earlier antiquities of York are well illustrated by Mr. Wellbeloved and Mr. Kenrick in Papers upon Roman antiquities, and by Dr. Thurnam on an Excavation which brought to light the contents of the Lamel Hill, a wellknown tumulus near York, of the Anglo-Saxon

Papers of historical character are interspersed with notices of rare birds, descriptions of curious fungi, an account of various magnetic phenomena, and of an appearance of the aurora borealis; a paper by Mr. Allis on the sclerotic ring of the eyes of birds and reptiles derived from the personal dissection of many specimens, with many other illustrations of points of natural

Thus a volume has been made up which will stand comparison with any other put forth by the publishing Societies.

Introduction to the Philosophy of Hegel-[Introduction à la Philosophie de Hegel]. By A. Véra. Paris, Franck; London, Jeffs.

FOR a wonder, this book really corresponds to its title,—it is, in fact as in name, an 'Intro-duction to the Philosophy of Hegel.' When a German Professor of the second magnitude would introduce the aspirant to the temple of the master, he usually conducts him into a portico, which is considerably darker than the sanctum itself,—that is to say, he makes up an unpleasant book, in which he re-writes Hegel's longer works in a sort of stenographic fashion, aiming at brevity only, and extinguishing the gleams of light which the philosopher in his diffuseness has now and then shed upon his occult enunciations. Nothing is more easy than to write an ample book about Hegel after the approved mode. It is a matter of knack nothing else, — like the management of old Raymond Lully's logical machine, requiring a familiarity with certain phrases, but by no means demanding the possession of any clear and well-digested ideas. If the Hegelian writers have imitated the Pythagoreans in their reverence for the "ipse dixit" of the master, they have often given strong evidence of caring but little what he actually thought.

M. Véra, formerly Professor of Philosophy in the University of France, is a very different personage from his German predecessors, and

public, but may fairly commence the work of introduction in the belief that half the technical expressions he is about to use have already gained a sort of footing in the current language of his countrymen, and that hence all his obscu-rities have a sort of vague signification attached to them. An American transcendentalist, on the other hand, is not a scientific character at all, but an orator, who, having picked up stray thoughts from German thinkers, expatiates upon them, according to his own good will and pleasure, to a people ready above all others to take the unknown for the magnificent. But the French have neither the half-initiation of the Germans, nor the disposition to be mystified which is so largely developed among our Transatlantic cousins (and not a little among our-selves); and he who would propound to them a theory must first reduce it to something like clearness in his own mind.

M. Véra is admirably qualified to meet the exigencies of his nation. He proposes to publish a French edition of Hegel's shorter 'Encyclopædia,' with some notes of his own; but clopædia, with some notes of his own; but before he plunges his pupils into a sea of technicalities, he lays before them an "Introduction," which tells them what Hegelism is about. We shall not enter into a controversy with the many Hegelian parties by venturing on the affirmation that M. Véra's interpretation is the correct one; but the interpreter is entitled to the praise of tracing the outline of an abstruse philosophical system, so as to render it tolerably intelligible to all those minds that are in any degree qualified for this description of study. To the amenity of a French writer he joins that love of science which is the German characteristic, and so thoroughly distinguishes the original Teutonic Professor from his American proselyte that the two are representatives of opposite mental ten-dencies. He is, moreover, to be distinguished from the so-called Young Hegelians, who, while they are the most popular off-shoots of the school, have brought upon it the suspicion of Atheism and Communism; and though his convictions are not such as would exactly please the rigidly orthodox, he may be considered a fair specimen of the "right hand," or Conservative Hegelian, with a slight leaning to the

We are anxious to see how M. Véra will get on, when he explains Hegel's technicalities, bit by bit, for the edification of his countrymen, and tries to make the Gallic mind apprehend how "Quality" begets "Quantity," and "Being" evolves itself into "Essence." In the meanwhile, we strongly recommend his 'Intro-duction' to those who are about to commence a serious study of Hegel, and to those who would like to have a general notion of a system that for eleven years exercised so despotic an influence over the German mind.

Correspondence between Major-Gen. the Earl of Lucan, K.C.B. and General Bacon, in reference to the Pamphlet entitled 'The English Cavalry at Balaclava.' Palmer.

For some time past an impression has been gaining ground that Lord Lucan—on whom rested at first the chief weight of public censure for the disastrous charge of the Light Brigade has not been fairly used. Indignation, when fully roused, will have a victim; and from the days of Jonah downward the worst man has not always been thrown out to the whale. As regards Lord Lucan, the clouds which seemed to be gathering darkly around his fame are gradubray, as the first medicus; 30 "barbours" were admitted to their freedom during the same reign.

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dier-have put his alleged calumniators on their guard. No longer the accused, he has become in turn an accuser: so that those who most loudly impeached his valour and ability are challenged to substantiate the charges which they voluntarily made, or abide the constructions which the public are not slow to place on the conduct of those who lack the "courage of their opinions."

As soon as General Bacon avowed himself the author of the pamphlet, 'The British Cavalry at Balaclava,' we think Lord Lucan was bound to call upon that officer to sustain, or withdraw, his assertions. Accordingly, Lord Lucan wrote a letter, from which we quote the

chief passages.—
"Laleham, Chertsey, August 16, 1855. "Sir,—I am now positively informed that you have avowed yourself the author of the pamphlet 'The British Cavalry at Balaclava, by a Cavalry Officer.' In the Preface you declare that you give no information that has not been well authenticated by those who were present at the scenes enacted. Supposing you, as I must, to have acted with these intentions, I owe it to you, fully as much as I do to myself, to disabuse you, and to state, that the pamphlet is a perversion of truth, a distortion of facts, and mere fiction; indeed, instead of the information being well authenticated, as you say you believe it to be, it is quite fabulous. I entirely deny that it can be substantiated, that all ranks complained of my manners and mode of address, or that my competency to command was ever unfavourably ques-tioned; there were no murmurs from my men against me at any time, and to say that there were any feelings of mistrust and want of confidence in me, and that field officers and privates ever gave expression to such feelings, is as false as it is malignant, and I boldly affirm that the very contrary is known to have been the fact. * * All the reflections on me respecting the flank march are also groundless. The cavalry were not delayed or lost in a wood, there was no censure passed on me by Lord Raglan, there were no murmurs from my men, nor dissatisfaction expressed or felt by any one: the whole again is fiction and untruth. The account of the reconnaissance made by the Russians of our position on the seventh of October, is as false as the rest; my conduct on that occasion received the approbation of Lord Raglan, as it did of General Bosquet, who was a spectator, nor did the smallest altercation between Captain Nolan and myself take place on that occasion or on any other. Having now shown the falsity of all the main facts of the pamphlet, I feel myself justified in asking you to supply me with the names of the parties who appear to have so grossly imposed upon and deceived you, nor can I believe that you will be disposed to shelter them or show them any misplaced consideration. If any one is able to authenticate these foolish tales, let him come forward. I desire inquiry and discussion, as I only seek the establishment of truth.- I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, (Signed) Lucan."
"General Bacon."

To this demand for precise information, General Bacon replied:-

"6, Marlborough Road, St. John's Wood,
"August 17, 1855.
"My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter, dated Laleham, August 16. I venture to observe that it contains some strong expressions which I do not think in any way called for, as applied to myself or the authorities you require me to give up; however, your wishes have been anticipated by me, as you will perceive on reference to the rejoinder I considered necessary to publish. I have the honour to be, &c.

"(Signed) A. Bacon."

"The Earl of Lucan."

Lord Lucan thought this answer unsatisfactory; and after trying in vain to find the "rejoinder" referred to in the foregoing, replied

in a letter from which we omit only a few angry and unnecessary words .-

"Hanover Square, August 20, 1855. "Sir,—Immediately on the receipt of your note I sent to your printers, * * but failed in getting the

rejoinder you said you had considered necessary to publish. Instead of allowing your authorities themselves to say anything they might wish to my disadvantage, you have voluntarily come forward, without the smallest provocation, and published anonymously a * pamphlet, in which you charge me with professional incapacity and imbecility, and do not scruple to impugn my veracity and courage, and you were ungenerous enough to do this at a time when, from the circumstances of my recall from my command, it would be supposed that many might be found too ready to give credence to any misrepresentations to my disadvantage which might, if founded, at all excuse the great injustice which had been done. That my character has not suffered, as I admit, from your publication, is no fault of yours. Twenty-eight years ago you served during some months under my command, I am not aware that anything happened then or has, during so many years, happened since to account for any bad feeling on your part towards me, or that would in any way explain what has influenced you in doing me so great a wrong. I call upon you at once to withdraw your calumnious pamphlet from circulation, and to offer some atonement for its publication, or I shall, in my own vindication, consider it necessary to publish this correspondence, and show you to the world as a scurrilous libeller. I shall remain in London till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock to receive any answer you may have to send to me. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

Lucan." " (Signed)

We give the substance of General Bacon's reply, omitting only his references to his pam-

"August 20, 1853, 7 P.M. "My Lord,-I have this moment received your Lordship's letter in reply to mine of Friday last, three days since. I have not impugned your Lord-ship's veracity, I quoted Major Burton's letter which was published in the Times. I have not questioned your Lordship's personal courage, although I have questioned your capability as the general command-ing the Cavalry. You call upon me to withdraw my pamphlet, which I decline doing. I have the honour to be, my Lord, your obedient servant, " (Signed) A. BACON."

Here, for the moment, the matter rests :manifestly, we think, to the advantage of Lord Lucan, who stands in the attitude of one demanding inquiry.

The Benefit of Christ's Death, probably written by Aonio Paleario. Reprinted in Fac-simile from the Italian Edition of 1543; together with a French Translation printed in 1551, from Copies in the Library of St. John's College, Cambridge. To which is added, an English Version made in 1548, by Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devonshire. Now first edited from a MS. preserved in the Library of the University of Cambridge, with an Introduction, by Churchill Babington, B.D. Cambridge, Deighton & Co.; London, Bell & Daldy.

A good supplementary chapter has yet to be added to the 'Curiosities of Literature'; - one that shall contrast the sentiments in anonymous and posthumous works with the practice of their authors. Examples would abound, from writers of very early times down to those of a very recent period. Of all anonymous publications, however, probably none in its day created so wide and startling a sensation as the one published in Italy more than three centuries ago, and entitled 'The Benefit of Christ's Death.' It was widely cir-culated and eggerly read. But a book, the conclusions of which were like those of Luther, that men were saved by faith and an imputed righteousness, and that works were the mere evidences of faith, very speedily attracted the attention of the authorities. In an incredibly short space of time thousands of copies were

destroyed. The Italian version entirely dis-appeared; and Mr. Macaulay, in his review of destroyed. Ranke's 'History of the Popes,' declared that not only had there been, in Italy, an effectual suppression of religious works, which were once to be found in every house, but that this one book in particular, 'Of the Benefit of the Death of Christ,' written in Tuscan, often reprinted, and eagerly read in every part of Italy, having been found by the Inquisitors to contain the Lutheran doctrine of Justification by Faith alone, had been proscribed,—and, he adds, "it is now as hopelessly lost as the Second Decade of Livy." Mr. Macaulay wrote thus in 1840, at which time there had been an Italian copy of the supposed lost work in the library of St. John's College, Cambridge, for nearly a hundred years. It had been presented by Dr. Ferrari, a tutor in the family of the Earl of Leicester." There was one other copy extant, in the possession of Herr Kopitar, the late Imperial librarian at Vienna. It is now in the library at Laybach.

This remarkable treatise has been translated

into many languages. Perhaps the most able of the English translations is that by Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devonshire, himself a remarkable man. It was the fact of an Italian treatise advocating the doctrine of Justification by Faith, written by a Siennese Catholic of great learning, and translated by such a man as Courtenay, that reminded us of the work composed by Leibnitz:-from none of these individuals were such productions by any means to be expected. To speak first of Courtenay. He was that victim of Henry the Eighth's enmity to his murdered father, who was kept prisoner in the Tower from his twelfth to his twenty-sixth year. He was unpolished in manners when Mary released him; but he can hardly have been the coarse profligate which some describe him to have been, for he taught himself Italian during his captivity; and when in bonds, in the year 1548, the second year of the reign of Edward the Sixth, he translated this work "into our wulgare tonge,"-as he says in his touching and manly dedication to the Duchess of Somerset, wife of the Protector. The language and sentiments are not those of the low ruffian which Miss Strickland-with her usual carelessness and ignorance-describes him. Nor were his pursuits those of a ruffian and a debauchee. Strype pourtrays him as "very studious and well-learned. He understood mathematics well, he could paint excellently, he played absolutely well on musical instruments, he spake Spanish, French, and Italian accurately, and, which was the crown of all, he was a man of great piety, and placed the chief good in virtue." He was indeed more of the scholar than the soldier; and rather ingloriously ran away from "the battle of Charing 'whither he was sent to oppose the advance of Wyat. Whether he wished for Wyat's success, that he might marry Elizabeth, since he had no chance to marry Mary, is a doubtful question,-rendered the more doubtful by Wyat's confessions and retractations. The permission to travel, given to him by Mary, was an honourable banishment; and he was welcomed at every Court, till death suddenly "cropped him off at Padua." He died, not without suspicion of poison, -as was natural; for there was not likely to be safety in Italy for a Catholic nobleman who was said to have been affianced to such an unsatisfactory Catholic as the Princess Elizabeth, and who had translated an essay which was pronounced to be highly anti-Catholic in sentiment. The full details of the death of this the twelfth and last Earl of Devonshire—of his family—are still wanting to historical literature. It is Courtenay's translation of the Italian version that is given in this volume; and it has the merit of being rendered from the oriFrench copy.

republished eight years since, was made from a

The literary life of the supposed author is soon told. Antonio della Paglia, or Aonio

Paleario, was born, about the year 1500, at Veroli, in the Campagna of Rome. He became

eminent, both as a cleric and scholar, and en-

joyed congenial intercourse with men as learned and eminent as himself. In 1534, he removed from Rome to Sienna, "where he was made public teacher of Greek and Latin, and lec-

turer on philosophy and belles lettres." His

published epistolary correspondence was exten-

sive, but his merit was far above that of a clever

letter-writer. Vossius described his Lucretian poem on 'The Immortality of the Soul' as "a divine and immortal composition," and Morhoff

pronounced his prose Latin to be equal to any-

thing in Cicero. It must have been during his

residence at Sienna that he secretly wrote and anonymously published his treatise on the

benefits of Christ's death. At the close of the year 1542, having fallen into disgrace and danger because of his well-known leaning to-

wards the principles of the Reformation, he

delivered an oration before the senators of

Sienna in his own defence. In this speech he

refers, in majestic Latin, to a little book in the Tuscan tongue, in which he had explained the

benefits derivable from Christ's death, and for

which he had been held as worthy of death.

He nobly adds, that it is not the time for a Christian to die in his bed. "It is a little mat-

ter," he says, "to be accused, to be cast into

prison, to be scourged, to be hung from a rope,

to be sewn up in a sack, or to be flung to wild

beasts. It becomes us to undergo these punish-

ments and to suffer in flames at the stake, if by

such means the truth can be brought to light.'

For the details which serve to prove that Pa-

leario was the author of the treatise, and that

Cardinal Pole may probably have had a hand in

it, we must refer our readers to the elaborate

and interesting Introduction to this volume. By whomsoever written, it was most infeli-

citously answered by orthocox clerics, who laboured to prove that Heaven was justly due to men for their good works. Paleario was

banished from Sienna, but he found refuge and

employment during ten years at Lucca, where he filled the office of public orator to the senate.

Subsequently, we find him professor of elocu-

tion at Milan, where he was, however, again overtaken by hot persecution. He sought to

escape from this, by flight to Bologna, in 1561,

but the heavy hand of Pius the Fifth fell upon

him, and after an imprisonment of three years,

that Pontiff sent the greatest ornament of the Reformed cause in Italy to the gibbet. One of

the four grounds of Paleario's condemnation to

the ignominious death was thus stated :- "Vide-

batur attribuere justificationem soli fiduciæ in divinâ misericordiâ remittente peccata per Christum''—" He seemed to attribute justifica-

tion to reliance alone on the remission of sins, by divine mercy, through Christ." The same doctrine had been held by Hilary, St. Augustine,

and St. Bernard; seven of the most eminent

of the theologians at the Council of Trent had

also declared that faith alone was the basis of

justification, ascribing the latter to the merits

of Christ; and many a living Cardinal, like Contarini, also believed in this Lutheran doc-trine, but they had not published their belief,

or sought to bring others over to it, as Paleario

had done; and for doing which he encountered

the death, which he feared not at all, if thereby

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ginal, whereas the English translation of 1573, | it teaches, there is music in the sound of its teaching,—if such a phrase be admissible. The French translation is somewhat harsh; but Edward Courtenay's English version, with its modernized orthography, rings like true Saxon, and each successive phrase falls pleasantly on the ear. With every opinion advanced it is not to be supposed that all readers will agree. If the treatise is strongly Lutheran on the article of faith, it is as profoundly Calvinistic on the subject of predestination; on which point the author is far less happy than when treating of faith and works. But it is not our mission to enter upon controversy; and we will conclude by expressing our hearty approval of the zeal and ability with which Mr. Babington has performed his editorial office. Let us add our hope that, as an original work has been discovered which Mr. Macaulay pronounced to be as irrecoverable as the lost Decade of Livy, the like good fortune may happen to the missing historical fragment of the illustrious son of Patavium. There may be something in the old tradition that the longdesired manuscript of the credulous historian

lies among dusty records in a mosque in old Fez. OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Correspondence of John Howard, the Philanthro-pist. Not before published. With a brief Memoir and illustrative Anecdotes, by the Rev. J. Field. (Longman & Co.)—Here are a few letters written by Howard—which escaped the researches of Mr. Hepworth Dixon—chiefly to his friend Samuel Whitbread, founder of the brewery, and father of the politician. They are of no importance, and are only interesting so far as everything relating to a man so good and noble is interesting. They add nothing to our knowledge of his character. They contain no new anecdotes of his career. Of course it is well that they are placed in the custody of printer's ink,—and Mr. Dixon will probably find in them a note or two for his next edition; but they were too slight to make a book, besides being wanting in readableness. Some blunders, too, have crept into the commentary:—"At Varna Howard's conti-nued weakness," &c. should read "At Vienna." Howard never went to Varna. We feel pretty certain, too, that Howard's letters are not printed as they were written. We do not mean merely as to spelling: changes in that respect are common enough to escape censure, if they do not escape notice; but of construction. Sentences occur in these "copies" which Howard would scarcely have written; and we would caution the possessors of the original documents (if such a caution be not superfluous) to guard them with as much care as if

they had not yet been mis-printed.

Atlas of Astronomy. By A. K. Johnston; edited by J. R. Hind. (Blackwood & Sons.)—For care of drawing, fullness of matter, and beauty of arrangement, we have seen no popular atlas of astronomy to compare with this volume. The names of Hind and Johnston on the title-page prepared us for a work of rare excellence; but our satisfaction on comparing its plates—so new, so accurate, and so suggestively shaded,—with the poor diagrams from which boys were expected to learn the starry sciences a few years ago, surpassed expectation. The illustrations are eighteen in number,—lunar, solar, stellar; and are so constructed as to present to the eye a series of lessons in the most captivating of human studies, simple in outline and cumu-lative in result. To say that Mr. Hind's 'Atlas' is the best thing of the kind is not enough,—it has

The Hero's Canticle, and other Poems. By Robert Fletcher. (Jackson & Walford.)—The outline of 'The Hero's Canticle' is as follows:— "The First Canto may be termed a Life-and-Death-Ode on Wellington: the Second, a Death-Death-Ode on Wellington: the Second, a Death-and-Life-Ode for Us All. The entire poem is supposed to be recited on the day of the Duke's Funeral." One verse from the "Death-and-Life-Ode for Us All' will suffice as specimen of the manner in which Mr. Fletcher fills up an outline: pleasure in perusing this treatise in the original, simply as a literary luxury. Apart from what Say is this fair green Earth to her own sad grave tending,

And Whither you Stars so high? And shall it be for ever, Life and Death are blending, Like Altar Fire and Smoke, commingling and ascending, In sacrificial mystery— And Mercy, is she not nigh?

-There are several minor poems, in "particularity" akin to the above verse. One little rhyme cannot be resisted :-

The Stars are the Sun's children— And Night, She is their Nurse; When the Father is far away, She takes them a Walk of course— Up and down and up and down, All over the Universe.

—The warlike and political poem called 'The Rescue,' which closes the volume, consists of thirty-six verses, — is licentious in rhythm, and full of big words printed in capital letters.

Hardwicke's Shilling Barontage and Knightage.
Compiled by Edward Walford, M.A. (Hardwicke.)
—Mr. Walford promises to recite the dignities of the City in one forthcoming shilling volume, and to popularize a knowledge of the House of Commons in another. In the present, he explains the constitution of the order of baronets, and presents an alphabetical list, with the date of the creation of each title, and the age, as well as the official station, if any, filled by each living baronet. As an historical fact, it is interesting to know that there are upwards of four hundred baronets enaged in the naval, military, and civil service of the Crown, besides eight who hold office in the present government. The House of Commons contains sixty-five. However, the baronetage includes five Dukes, sixteen Marquises, sixty-one Earls, and upwards of a hundred and fifty Barons.

Mr. Walford's shilling series is likely to be popular.

Confirmation of Admiralty Mismanagement, in a
Letter to Samuel Morley, Eag. By W. S. Lindsay,
Esq., M.P. (Wilson.)—To those who are interested in the dispute between Mr. Lindsay and Sir Charles Wood, on the question of Admiralty management, this vindicatory pamphlet may be recommended. Mr. Lindsay puts the whole case broadly, with illustrative documents, and other evidence, to show that he stands on better ground than the administrator who defended his department from attack under cover of a cloud of per-

sonal recrimination.

On the Smokeless Fireplace, Chimney Valve, and other means, Old and New, of obtaining Healthful Warmth and Ventilation. By Dr. Neill Arnott. (Longman & Co.)—Dr. Arnott points out that, while the principal inventions of the half-century involve the direct or indirect application of fire, the stores of fuel existing in the world are limited and must diminish. But he affirms that half the fuel now used is wasted by imperfect contrivances, pro-ducing smoke and yielding a deficiency of warmth and ventilation. His volume is largely occupied with disquisitions on stoves, valves, and other with disquisitions on stoves, valves, and other inventions, tending to a more economical and healthy use of coal. We imagine, however, that he anticipates too little resistance to the general introduction of close stoves instead of open fire-places. It may be that in Russia and America the popular feeling runs the other way; but in this island the flicker and glow of the hearth and grate give a charm to our winter interiors, which will not soon be abandoned. Our literature of romance and poetry has always been brightened with allusions to the ruddy blaze and cheering warmth of a fire. It is a part of English life; it belongs to our thoughts of comfort; it is the contrast which takes away even the desolation of the external cold and snow. What is Christmas with a close stove in the room, unless, indeed, we have learnt abroad to forget our traditions of the Yule learnt abroad to forget our traditions of the Yule log, and the figures among the coals? Dr. Arnott may very properly insist that health might be improved to the injury of romance; but to exchange a custom associated with a national feeling is more difficult than to repeal an ancient law. The volume, nevertheless, is full of interesting details, and practical hints, the result of experimental observation. It will, doubtless, receive attention from the classes of manufacturers to which it is addressed, especially such as supply which it is addressed, especially such as supply hospitals, schools, lobbies, and places of assembly with the apparatus necessary to warmth and

Parables from Nature. By Mrs. Alfred Gatty. (Bell & Daldy.)—It was no bad idea to stoop to the insect world, and therefrom draw lessons of wisdom, both worldly and spiritual. This the authoress has done in a simple and sensible way not neglecting other natural sources in successful search of the object she has chiefly in view. The instruction is, in itself, valuable; and it is agree ably imparted. Mrs. Gatty has not forgotten that παραβαλλω is from the verb which means both "to compare" and "to apply,"—a circumstance which some writers of parables do not much care to remember.

Pignadar; or, Three Days' Wanderings in the Landes. By Alethen E. (Longman & Co.)— Pignadar is a term used in the south of France to designate a pine forest,—and this gay little book is a genuine letter by a Lady, describing the not very terrible wanderings therein of herself, a sistertraveller, and her father "F. G., Représentant de sa Majesté Britannique." This writer deals very much in italics, where emphasis is not much needed, and tells us little or nothing of the sandy Landes, where peasants go to work on stilts, and where the question of introducing dromedaries was very seriously entertained a few years since. As a first appearance, however, in print, 'Pignadar'

comes off creditably.

Sufferings of Royalty; or, Human Greatness a
Fallacy; exemplified in the Lives and Death of the
three great historical characters, Alexander the Great, Julius Cæsar, and Napoleon the First; also Darius King of Persia, Hannibal, Pompey the Great, Cleopatra, Zenobia, Louis the Sixteenth, and Cato, the great Roman administrative Reformer. Dedicated to Napoleon the Third, Emperor of France. By William Pinch. (E. Wilson.)—Napoleon the Third is not Emperor of France, but "of the French,"—to whom, and not to the Emperor, France is, at least, supposed to belong. Grammar is as sorely treated in this book as history. Some sentences have beginnings, but no fairly-arrived-at ends,—like that at page 22, commencing with "Alexander, to drown the awful reflection," but which fails to tell us what the Macedonian did to produce the effect desired. Julius Cæsar, too, is described as "nephew of Caius Marius, who had married Julius Cæsar's aunt, by the father's side, and one of the most illustrious families of Rome. We protest against this sort of prose as an intrusion on the exclusive rights of that school of poetry, whose professors fancy there are sense and beauty where the passages are least intelligible. There is one excellently expressed sentiment in the book, but it is a quotation from Gibbon; and there is a gross violation of truth in the assertion, that the Duke of Wellington "sanctioned Marshal Ney being shot, to appease the pitiless vengeance of the

A Phraseological English-Latin Dictionary, for the use of Eton, Winchester, Harrow, and Rugby Schools; and King's College, London. By C. D. Yonge. (Bentley,) — Prepared upon a similar plan to that followed in the English-Greek Lexicon by the same author. Not pretending to the com-pleteness of a Thesaurus of the Latin language, it professes to supply the young scholar with a selection of the best Latin expressions for those of our own language. None but such as are used by writers of the Augustan age are given without the name of the authority, and the only non-Augustan writers quoted are Tacitus, Pliny, and Quintilian. There is a plentiful supply of phrases—as is indicated by the title-all of which are quoted verbatim, and mostly in the form of complete sentences, preceded by an English translation. Where an English word is used in several different senses they are all distinctly pointed out, and the appro-priate Latin for each is given, so that the pupil can hardly fall into the absurd mistakes which are sometimes made for want of such guidance.

Analytical Geometrical Investigations on the Ge-Analytical Geometrical Investigations on the General Affinities of Systems of Co-ordinates—[Analytisch-geometrische, &c.]. By J. G. H. Swellengrebel. (Marcus.)—The posthumous production of a young mathematician of great promise, to whom an affectionate tribute is paid in the Preface by a friend. Fortunately, it had the benefit of the author's revision,—a circumstance of especial

importance in a work of this nature. The subject of analytical geometry is one in which great advances have been made within the last few years, as the writings of Plücker, Salmon, and others abundantly show. Those few of our readers who ess a sufficient knowledge both of mathematics and German to follow the present writer in his reasonings will find much to interest them in these

Four volumes have been added to Mr. Parker's valuable series of "Oxford Pocket Classics:" the Antigone and Philoctetes of Sophocles, Eschines in Ctesiphontem, and Cornelius Nepos. commendation can be bestowed upon them than to say—as we have much pleasure in saying—that they form a worthy sequel to the works previously issued under the same title, being ably edited, neatly printed, portable in size, and reasonable in price. - A Help to Latin Grammar; or, the Form and Use of Words in Latin, with Progressive Exercises, by J. Wright, M.A., is a book worth the study of young teachers, but is scarcely suitable to be put into the hands of learners. The lucid and familiar style of explanation adopted is exactly what every teacher should cultivate; yet the pupil will hardly have patience to read with any care what he would willingly hear with attention.— Mr. T. Goodwin, A.B., being of opinion that "the system of instruction universally prevalent twenty years since differs as much from that now-a-days adopted in good schools as travelling by stage-coach differs from travelling by steam," and that an im-proved system of education renders necessary the production of improved school-books, has prepared The Student's Practical Grammar of the English Language; together with a Commentary on the First Book of Milton's 'Paradise Lost.' We cannot say we think Mr. Goodwin the man to render much assistance in still further improving the mode of teaching English. All that is of much value in his book is taken from Dr. Latham's 'Handbook of the English Language.' There are plenty of better works already in use.

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THE AUTHORITY FOR THE NON-OBSERVANCE OF THE SEVENTH DAY.

It is recorded in Holy Scripture, Gen. ii. 2, 3, That, on the Seventh Day of the creation, Almighty God "blessed and sanctified the Seventh Day," this He did, without exemption of any Nation, or limitation to any time; the command,

of any Nation, or limitation to any time; the comman therefore, is universal and imperative.

It is asserted, in direct contradiction of the expression of the command, on the Seventh Day of the creation; but at the is no command in Holy Scripture for the observance of Seventh Day, but this, previous to the time of the Seventh Day, but this, previous to the time of the Seventh Day, but this, previous to the time of the Seventh Day, but this, previous to the time of the Seventh Day, but this, previous to the time of the Seventh Day, but this, previous to the time of the Seventh Day being treated of, as a commonly known and Seventh Day being treated of, as a common day bet a common day being treated of, as a common day being treated of venth

It is asserted, That though our Blessed Lord or His It is asserted, That though our Blessed Lord or His Apostles are not recorded in Holy Scripture to have commanded, yet the Apostles and first Christians, in addition to their observance of the Seventh Day as a Sabbath, are recorded to have observed a Second Day in each week as a day for assembling together for Religious purposes, namely, The First Day of the week; and further, it is asserted, That this day in Holy Scripture is called "The Lord's Day."

This is all that Holy Scripture does, or is asserted to record on this subject; and as our inquiry has relation to a command of God, we cannot give heed unto Tradition,

without incurring our Blessed Lord's condemnation of the men of His time, seeing He condemned them, not for any fallacy in the argument they had constructed; but for the

lallacy in the argument they had constructed; but for the impiety of constructing any argument on Tradition, to change any command of God. See St. Mark vii. 13.

It therefore appears, That there is no authority for the Non-observance of the Seventh Day, above, Dogmatic Teaching; or, The Edict of a Living Infallible Head.

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May Almighty don grant us to consider, whether it the Non-observance of the Seventh Day is not preached by Sk. Paul, and where is it preached by him? we are not cursed by the apostle, if we so Preach, even though we claim to have powers equal to the Angels of Heaves. See Galatians i. 8.

HERMAN HEINFETTER. 17, Fenchurch-street,

1st Sabbath of 1852.

P.S. Sept. 1, 1855. Again, for the One Million Two Hun-dred Thousandth time, I inquire, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord?"

SCIENCE AND THE GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNMENT has published-in the usual form of a parliamentary paper—a return of the detail of expenditure of the scientific grant made to the Royal Society. It is a document of interest; and we hasten to lay it before our readers. As will be seen, the Royal Society does not confine itself to a mere statement of account, as between itself and the Government; but, with a wise forethought, indicates in a few pregnant words the nature and value of the service rendered to the country by those who have received its assistance from The following details are the best vindication of the wisdom of Lord John Russell's original proposal, that the Society should undertake the distribution of 1,000l. per annum in aid of scientific investigations.

For the Year 1850.

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1. For the publication of the Observations made at the Armagh (private) Observatory for the re-observation of Bradley's Stars, the work so published to be the property of Her Majesty's Government, 3504.—The-printing of this work is still in progress, and will shortly be completed.

2. For the publication of Vol. I. of the Catalogue of Ecliptic Stars, observed at the Markree (private) Observatory, the work so published to be the property of Her Majesty's Government, 150%.—This work has been printed, and the greater part of an impression of 500 copies presented, in the name of the British Government, to public institutions at home and abroad, and to individuals cultivating Astronomy in this and other countries, under the direction of a committee consisting of Sir John Herschel, the Astronomer Royal, and the Superintendent of the Nautical Almanac. The remainder of the impression is on sale at a low price, the proceeds to be credited to Her Majesty's Government.

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3. To Charles Brooke, Esq., to be employed in the construction of an Instrument for the Autographic Registry of the variations of the Terrestrial Magnetic Force, corrected for temperature, 100.—This instrument was completed and exhibited in the Great Industrial Exhibition for 183

exhibited in the Great Industrial Exhibition for 1851.

4. To T. Wharton Jones, Esq., to be employed in assisting him in Investigations on Inflammation, 1001.—These investigations were in continuation of an inquiry in which Mr. Jones had been for some time engaged, and for which he had obtained, in 1859, the triennial prize of 3004, founded by Sir Astley Cooper. Their continuation has led to further publications in the Philosophical Transactions and in the Medico-Chirurgical Transactions, and is still in progress.

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course of publication.
6. To Lieutenant-Colonel Sabine, for the purchase of Magnetical and Meteorological Instruments of a new construction, for trial of their merits at the Kew Observatory. The instruments to be the property of Her Majesty's Govern-ment, 100l.—These instruments were purchased, and their merits examined at the Kew Observatory. The results of the examination have been published in the Transactions of the British Association.

7. The Symposus to assist his researches into the Che-

of the British Association.

7. To Dr. Stenhouse, to assist his researches into the Chemical Relations subsisting amongst the various genera of Plants, 100£—This grant produced a valuable paper 'On the Action of Nitrie Actd on various Vegetables,' which was published in the Philosophical Transactions; and the full amount of the grant was subsequently replaced by Dr. Stenhouse at the disposal of the Committee, and became the without of fresh area-projection in 1833. subject of a fresh appropriation in 1853.

For the Year 1851.

1. To Dr. Thurnam, to assist in procuring exact Drawings of Crania of Early British Races, 564.—The drawings have been made, and are deposited with an accompanying Memoir at the Royal Society.

2. To Prof. Stokes, for experiments to determine the Index of Friction in different Gases, 1734.—These experiments are in progress at the Kew Observatory, under Prof. Stokes's direction.

3. To Dr. Hofmann, for a continuation of his Investiga-tions respecting Organic Bases, 1001.—These investigations were in continuation of researches of which the results were published in the Philosophical Transactions, and for which

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Royal Medal was awarded. They are regarded by chemists as extremely important, and are still in progress.

4. To the Astronomer Royal, for the Reduction and Publication of the late Rev. T. Catton's Astronomical Observations, Sol.—These observations, sextending from 1791 to 1832, have been reduced, and the results published in the Transactions of the Royal Astronomical Society.

5. To John F. Miller, Esq., of Whitehaven, to obtain Observations on the Fall of Rain, and on the Minimum Temperature in Winter, at several Stations in the Lake District of England, 50.—These observations have been communicated to the Royal Society, and the results have been published in 'Reports on the Meteorology of the Lake District,' by Mr. Miller.

6. To Dr. W. B. Carpenter, for the execution of Drawings of Foraminifera, collected on the Australian Coast during the Surveying Expedition of Her Majesty's Ship Fly, 252.—These drawings have been deposited at the Royal Society, and have served, together with similar drawings, procured by grants in 1852 and 1854, as data from which Dr. Carpenter has drawn up an important monograph on this class of animals, which will be published in the forthcoming volume of the Philosophical Transactions.

7. To Leonard Horner, Esq., for the Analysis of specimens of the Water of the Nile and of the Soil at different depths in the Valley of the Nile, which had been procured by the aid of a grant from the Donation Fund of the Royal Society, 504.—The results of this analysis have been published in the Philosophical Transactions.

8. To William Hopkins, Esq., of Cambridge, for Investigations on the Effect of Pressure on the Temperature of Fusion of certain Substances, 2504.—These important experiments, in which Mr. Hopkins has been assisted by Mesars. Fairbairn and Joule, of Manchester, are still in progress. A report of the results hitherto obtained is expected to be presented to the Royal Society at its next session.

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9. To Dr. Miller, Mr. Gassiot, and Col. Sabine, representing the Kew Committee of the British Association, for the Construction and Verification of Standard Meteorological Instruments, 1891.—19 the aid of this and a subsequent grant of equal amount in 1829, the Kew Committee have been enabled to meet satisfactorily the extensive applications which have been made to them by the Governments of our own country and of the United States, to provide and verify meteorological instruments required for the marine meteorological researches undertaken by those Governments, with a view to the interests of trade and navigation, as well as to those of general science.

10. To Prof. Owen. to defray the cost of Drawings of undescribed and unfigured Fossils from South America and Australia, 1002.—These drawings have been executed, and are in number seventy-two.

For the Year 1852.

1. To Prof. William Thomson, of Glasgow, for experimental Researches in several branches of Electrical Science, 50.—This grant, as well as a subsequent one of 50. in 1853, was designed to assist in furnishing apparatus for various electrical researches, in which Prof. Thomson was engaged. The results, as far as they have yet been obtained, have been communicated to the Royal Societies of London and of Edinburgh, and published in their Transactions, and in other scientific journals. The researches are still in progress.

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2. To Dr. Tyndall, for experimental Researches in the Diathermic and Conductive Capacities of Crystalline and other Bodies, 501.—This money has been expended in providing apparatus for the experimental researches referred to. The results, so far as they have been yet obtained, have been published in papers in the Philosophical Transactions, and the researches are still in progress.

3. To Prof. Williamson, for experimental Investigations into the Law of the Chemical Action of Masses, 1001.—The experiments are in progress, and the results hitherto obtained will shortly be communicated to the Royal Society.

4. To Mr. Joule, of Manchester, for Experiments on the Effects of Magnetism on the Dimensions of Iron and Steel Bars, 301.—These experiments are still in progress.

5. To Mr. John A. Dale, of Balliol College, Oxford, for experiments on the relation of Metals with each other, and with Liquids in the Voltaic Circuit, 301.—These experiments are still in progress.

with Liquids in the Voltaic Circuit, 50.—These experiments are still in progress.

6. To Prof. Owen, for obtaining Anatomical Drawings of undescribed existing and extinct Animals, 1604.—Drawings, in number forty-three, have been executed, and part of the grant yet remains to be similarly applied.

7. To Dr. Miller, Mr. Gassiot, and Col. Sabine, for the construction and verification of Standard Meteorological Instruments, 1504.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1851. (No. 1504.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1851. (No. 1504.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1851.)

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8. To Henry Gray, Esq., for Investigations concerning the Spleen, 1002.—The results of these investigations are published in an *Essay on the Spleen, for which the triennial Astley Cooper prize of 3006. was awarded in 1883.

7. To Prof. Beale, for Investigation into the Chemistry of Morbid Products, 304.—This investigation is still in pro-

Morbid Products, 501.—This investigation is still in progress.

10. To Dr. Carpenter, for the execution of Drawings of Foraminifera, 25i.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1851. (No. 6.)

11. For the publication of Vol. II. of the Markree Catalogue of Ecliptic Stars, 1301.—Vol. II. has been published, and the edition of 500 copies disposed of, as in the case of Vol. I. (1839, No. 2.)

12. To Prof. William Thompson and Mr. Joule, for Experiments on the Thermal Effects experienced by Fluids in passing through Small Aperiures, 1002.—The experiments referred to in this, and in subsequent grants of 1004. In 1854, are still in progress. A Memoir, describing part of the results obtained, has been presented to the Royal Society, and printed in the Philosophical Transactions.

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13. To Dr. Frankland, for Investigations into Organo-Metallic Compounds, 651.—The results of this investigation

bave been communicated to the Royal Society in a memoir, which will appear in the forthcoming volume of the *Philosophical Transactions*.

For the Year 1853.

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1. To Dr. Waller, for Investigating the Results of the Section of Nerves, 1064.—An interim report of the progress of this investigation has been received by the Royal Society.

2. To Dr. James Thompson, C.E., of Glasgow, and Mr. Fairbairn, of Manchester, for Experiments on the Friction of Discs revolving in Water, for the purpose of obtaining data required in calculations relating to Turbine Water Wheels and Centrifugal Pumps, 504.—The results already obtained have been communicated to the Royal Society, and preparations have been made for renewing the experiments on a more extended scale.

3. To Capt. Lefroy, for the Expenses of preparing for publication observations on the Aurora Borealis made in North America, 204.—The Observations have been in great measure prepared for publication.

4. To Warren De In Rue, Esq., for mounting the Huygenian Object-glass of 123 feet local length, 2564.—This, with an appropriation of equal amount in 1854, was designed to meet an application made to the Royal Society by M. Struve, of St. Petersburgh, to compare the appearance of Saturn as shown by the Huygenian Lens referred to, with that of the planet as seen in telescopes of modern date, in consequence of Huygens's representation of the ring not according with its appearance as now observed. Difficulties have been met with in carrying out this object in the method first proposed, which have occasioned delay; and the subject now stands for reconsideration.

5. To Prof. William Thomson, of Glasgow, for Experiments on the Thermal Effects of Electric Currents in unequally heated Conductors, 504.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1852 (No. 12).

7. To Dr. Marcet, for Expenses connected with his researches on the Excretions of Men and Animals, 504.—The results were communicated in a paper presented to the Royal Society, and printed in the Philosophical Transactions.

For the Year 1854.

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1. To Robert Mallet, Esq., C.E., Dublin, for Experiments on Earthquake Waves, 1504.—The apparatus for these experiments was prepared by means of a grant from the British Association. The experiments are proposed to be made at Holyhead, when a fitting time is arrived in the progress of the Harbour Works at that station.

2. To Dr. Marcet, for a continuation of his Researches on the Excretions of Men and Animals, 504.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1853 (No. 7).

3. To Prof. Eaton Hodgkinson, for Experiments on the Strength of Materials, 1004.—This appropriation has been augmented by a gift of 2004. From Robert Stephenson, Esq., C.E. The experiments are in progress.

4. To Dr. Tyndall, for experimental Researches in Heat and Magnetism, 1004.—The results of a part of these researches have been presented to the Royal Society, and will be published in the forthcoming volume of the Philosophical Transactions.

Transactions.
5. To Dr. Woods, of Parsonstown, Ireland, for expe-firmental Researches on the Heat developed in the Oxydation of certain Metals, 20%.—The experiments are in progress, and an interim report has been presented to the Royal

rimental Researches on the Heat developed in the Oxydation of certain Metals, 204.—The experiments are in progress, and an interim report has been presented to the Royal Society.

6. To Prof. William Thomson, of Glasgow, and Mr. Joule, of Manchester, for experimental Researches on Fluids in Motion, and on the Thermal Effects experienced by Fluids in passing through small Apertures, 2004.—See Note to an appropriation for the same purpose in 1852 (No. 12), and in 1853 (No. 6). A memoir containing the results of these researches, so far as they have yet been completed, has been presented to the Royal Society, and printed in the Philosophical Transactions.

7. To Warren De la Rue, Eag., for mounting the Huygenian Object-glass, 2504.—See Note to a similar appropriation in 1863 (No. 4).

8. To T. H. Huxley, Eag., for the publication of his Zoological Researches, 3004.—Mr. Huxley was employed under the orders of the Admiralty in a surveying expedition under Capt. Owen Stanley, during which these researches were made. On his return he contributed two memoirs to the Royal Society, for which the Royal Medal was awarded him. They were printed in the Philosophical Transactions.

The publication of the whole of his researches has been strongly recommended by the highest authorities in this branch of science, and will be accomplished by this grant. The work itself will be the property of Her Majesty's Government, and will be distributed in a manner analogous to that of the Markree and Armagh Star Catalogues

9. For the publication of Vol. III. of the Markree Catalogue of Ecliptic Stars, 1324. 1s. 7d.—Vol. III. has been published, and the edition disposed of as already described in the cases of Vols. I. and II.

10. To Dr. W. Carpenter, for completing the Illustrations of Typical Forms of Foraminifera, 501—See Note to an appropriation for the same purpose in 1851 (No. 6).

11. To Nevil Maskleyne, Esq., of Oxford, for chemical Researches on the Phylosology of the Blood, of which a part has been recently communicated to the Roy

searches are in progress.

13. To Prof. William Thomson, for Experiments in Thermal Effects of Electric Currents in unequally heated Conductors, 50t.—The experiments are in progress.

Those will find who may take the trouble to add up the account—and those who do not may be assured—that the expenditure here detailed slightly

exceeds the grant. The excess, of course, was incurred on the faith of a continuance of the grant; which faith was for a moment somewhat rudely shaken. Such services, we repeat, as the above statements disclose—services not to have been hoped for without the aid obtained from Parliament —are not merely a guarantee for the future dis-tribution of the grant, but are a glory to the Government by which they were encouraged.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

On Monday next, the 10th, the International Statistical Congress will commence its sittings in Paris. M. Rouher will preside. The inquiries raris. M. Kouher will preside. The inquiries to be conducted are arranged in four sections:—
lat section, Nosological tables of deaths; statistics of insanity, of epidemics, and of accidents;—2nd section, Statistics of agriculture, of means of communication, and of foreign trade;—3rd section, Statistics of civil justice; the preparation of a table of crimes and misdemeanours, declared to be such by the respective laws of averagements. by the respective laws of every country; statistics of penitentiary establishments;—4th section, Statistics of prudential institutions; statistics of great

The Society of Arts seems to have gone over bodily to the Paris Exhibition. Its members have met with a distinguished reception, and its investi-gations are likely to produce excellent results. Next week the Society will be received at the

Complaint is made in the London press that on the occasion of the Queen's visit to Paris so few of the great celebrities of France were presented to her, and much eloquence and learning have been devoted to the absence of the men who represent France to the outer world from the rejoicings at Versailles,—a palace immortally associated with the names of poets and historians. Such regrets are natural. As Englishmen, loving and admiring France, we should have been delighted to see our Queen surrounded, while in Paris, by those whose genius has spread her fame and influence over the wide world, and revived in our own day the intel-lectual glories of the reign of Louis the Fourteenth. But we know that such things could not be. Napoleon cannot bring the Lamartines, Cousins, Hugos, Villemains, Thiers, Guizots to the Tuileries. They do not love him, and they stand aloof.
His system is not their system. He has faith only
in material,—they have faith only in mind. Sword
in hand, he offers France a mess of pottage, and
expects it to be content. They assert that France
requires exercise, discussion, freedom, intellectual requires exercise, discussion, freedom, intellectual activity. Perhaps he is right in his theory of silence, of repression, of military rule: for the hour he is certainly successful. But possibly they are right in the belief that his theory is false—his success ephemeral. Time will decide. In the meanwhile Intelligence stands aside, while Force plays out its game. It may win or it may loss in the end; but while the game is unfinished Intelli-gence will hold itself haughtily alone. Nothing is more remarkable than the absolute failure of Napoleon to draw the great intelligence of France to his side. His magnificence—his offices—his rewards even his victories—have no attractions for these men.
The Marquis de Cormenin—an avowed eccentric is the only man of literary rank who has rallied to the restored eagle. The rest stand aloof in disdain of the Imperial power and contempt of the Impeof the Imperial power and contempt of the Imperial system:—not, perhaps, because they hate despotism in itself, so much as because they hate his particular kind of despotism. Such absolute power as Louis the Fourteenth wielded was tempered by wit, grace, romance;—that of Napoleon is tempered only by beef and pudding. Men of wit naturally like a regime of wit; and to the end of the world such men will profes the free apprecia of the world such men will prefer the free exercise of the world such men will prefer the free exercise of their genius to the champagne and sausages which Napoleon seems to have found sufficient for the masses. So long as he bases his power only on the material prosperity of France, ignoring or repressing all her spiritual and moral aspirations, the men of intellectual pursuits will be absent from Versailles, even though it be graced with the presence of England's Queen.

A private view of two little African children

who are connected by a strong ligament below the spine—was held on Wednesday in the saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, preparatory to public exhibition at the Egyptian Hall. The little creatures are very lively, and laugh, chatter, and tumble about with as much enjoyment as children who are not oppressed with a "Filial Mission." Handbills state that they are the offspring of slave parents; and that the proceeds of the exhibition of their curious deformity will be applied to the purchase of their father and mother! This is an old appeal to the "best feelings of humanity."

Tuesday, next week, the members of the Wiltshire Archæological and Natural History Society will assemble at Chippenham, under the presidency of Mr. G. P. Scrope, for a session of three days. Arrangements are made for some interesting excursions in the neighbourhood.

Dr. J. M. Neligan asks us to contradict the

report that he is a candidate for the Chair of Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh. An esteemed friend asks us whether it is not just possible that some over-sensitive man of letters may feel wounded by our way of stating Lord Aberdeen's notion of a proper distribution of the Literary Civil List. We hope not. Nothing could be further from our thoughts than to give pain. We meant to serve, not to wound. As the reader will recollect, we spoke of Lord Aberdeen's theory -not of his practice. Like many other ministers, his acts were better than his rules; and while we could cordially approve of the pensions which he gave, we were free to censure him for not giving more, and for not giving what he did give on a more generous plan, and with a nobler interpretation of literary claims. Our purpose in making those remarks was to assist in guarding literary interests against the Minister's assumption that want is-or ought to be-an element in the claim on the special fund in question. We contended—and contend—that service is the sole claim. But we were very far from wishing it to be inferredwe believe it cannot fairly be inferred from what we said-that those who had received pensions from Lord Aberdeen had descended from their high and honourable place. We never thought so -and assuredly we did not mean to say so.

Finland journals announce that in consequence of the war, the University of Helsingfors is closed

for the present year.
Our idea of Constantinople is not that of a literary city. Yet it produces more newspapers, magazines, and reviews than many European capitals boasting a better ballet and a more vanced civilization. Naples, Rome, Lisbon, Florence, Copenhagen, St. Petersburgh — each shows a less amount of pleasant and various literary activity. The Taqvim-i-Vaqaï ('Record of Events') is the Moniteur of Turkey, and contains official announcements. It appears at irregular intervals, and in the Turkish language. The other journals printed in the language of the country are, Djéride-i-Havadis ('The Collection of -the Medjmoua-i-Huvadis ('The News Gazette'), printed in Armenian characters,-the Akhbar - i - Constantiniiè ('The Constantinople News'), also printed in Armenian characters,— Anadolu ('The East') printed in Greek characters. These are the Turkish newspapers published at Constantinople. The Turks have also a bimonthly review, the Djéridè-i-Dévriè ('The Universal Magazine'), which records facts and discusses questions in the various departments of literature, science, morals, and religion. Next to the pure Turks, the Armenians seem to display the largest share of literary enterprise. This patient and commercial race has two journals printed in the capital: The Macis ('The Mount Ararat'), a newspaper, appearing every Tuesday,—The Avédaper ('The Messenger'), a newspaper, appearing every alternate Wednesday,—and two magazines,—the Asdjid-Arévélian (the 'Little Star of the East'), and the Ardzui-Vasbouragan ('The Eagle of Vasbour'), both of which are devoted to the discussion of literary and moral questions, and appear once a month. Next on the list are the rench, who may be called the journalists of Vestern Europe. The Journal de Constantinople Western Europe. The Journal de Constantinople and the Presse d'Orient are well known to English

readers. The Spaniards have an illustrated review, El Maladero, la Fuente de Sciencia ('The Maladero, Fountain of the Sciences'), which appears monthly. The Spanish Jews have a weekly journal, Hor-Israël. The Bulgarians also have a weekly paper, the Tzarigradski-Vestnik ('The Constantinople Messenger'). The Greeks (about whose number and intelligence, and commercial and literary activity, some of our contemporaries talk so enthusiastically) have one small the Telegraphos tou Bosphorou ('Bosphorus Telegraph'), which appears every Saturday. The masters of the imaginary Greek Empire, about which we dream dreams, cannot support a single daily paper, a single review, a single magazine, in the capital of their impossible dominions. Nor do we hear of any literary project in the Greek language at Constantinople. The only new Greek language at Constantinople. The only new literary move of which people talk at Pera is the establishment of an Arab journal, with the title Ddjéridet-ul-Havadis. A nominal censorship exists at the Porte, but it rarely interferes with the journals; so that the press at Constantinople is practically as free as that of London and New

German papers announce the death of the historian Menzel, whose works are well known in this country in translation. He died in Breslau, aged seventy-one.

Herr Roderich Benedix, the well-known German dramatist, has been entrusted with the artistic management of the Frankfort "Stadttheater."

The correspondence of Silvio Pellico, collected Signor Stefani, is about to be published at Turin. The letters are about 400 in number, and are written partly before, partly during, and partly after the poet's imprisonment. Some of them contain literary treatises. The most important are addressed to his family, to Count Borro, Count Balbo, the Countess Mombello, and Signori Borsieri, Rosmini and Dandolo. Simultaneously with the Italian original, a French edition will be published.

In Italy, it appears, German literature is much studied and liked at present. A highly-praised translation of Klopstock's 'Messias,' translation of Klopstock's 'Messias,' by Signor Cereseto, has recently been published at Turin. The Milan weekly paper, Il Crepuscolo, presents its readers with frequent reviews of German scientific works, which show a great intimacy with the march of German science. The last numbers of the Lodi paper, L'Abduano, contain a metrical translation of Herr Halm's drama, 'Griseldis,'—and the feuilleton of the Gazetta ufficiale di Verona, after having brought out translations of Lessing's Emilia Galotti, and 'The Amber-Witch,' Herr Meinhold, is now publishing a translation (in verse!) of Goethe's 'Götz von Berlichingen.

An association has been founded in the capital of California, on the principles of the celebrated New York Society-under the title of the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco. The library, which is said to be well selected, opens with a collection of four thousand English works.

A pretty little magazine, with the innocent title of 'The Bouquet,' is running its gentle course, not largely noticed by the press. It is conducted, and we think written, entirely by young ladies, who assume (heaven bless them!) the daintiest little signatures—such as "Blue-Bell," "Mignonette," "Myrtle," "Maiden's Blush," and "Star of Bethlehem, -and sport their sentiments and humours under the protection of an editorial "Thistle. All this is very harmless and very charming. Of course, there is a good deal of poetical verse and prose in the magazine. Sometimes there is also promise of finer poetic fruit. In the following lines-written in answer to a question now trembling on thousands of lips "What is glory?"-there is hope of better things :-

There may be glory on the battle-field; There may be honour on the wreathed brow There may be honour on the wreathed brow of man victorious—lustre in the shield, The lance, the rifle—fervour in the vow of dying warriors breathing to the last, "My country!" till tumultuous hours are past.

There may be beauty in the towering height, Red with the sun of some resplendent morn,
Alive with cavalry, with colours bright,
And rich with blessings on the breezes borneTill, when at length the loud war-shout is given, A smile breaks from the sky, a star from heaven.

But what is glory to the riven heart

Of parent, or of sister, or of child? What wounds must bleed, what bitter tears must start -

What spirits with cold agony grow wild!
Ah! what is glory to that weeping one,—
A mother mourning for her only son?

The Bouquet,' if we understand it rightly, is a local magazine. Its head-quarters seem to be in St. John's Wood.

The Lyceum Theatre has been converted into "a psychomantheum" by Mr. Anderson, "the Wizard of the North," who appeared on Monday amidst his glittering and extensive apparatus, and performed his apparent wonders to a crowded audience. These miracles differ from the conjuring tricks of fifty years ago. Then, as we well recollect, there were genuine sleight of hand, feats of dexterity, and a real manipulative process. Now, there is nothing of the kind ;-the transformations are managed by machinery, and the delusion is secured by an immediate exchange of the article, the original being at once conveyed out of sight. However, the result is admirable, and the tricks by the new process are capable of indefinite multiplication. Some of them are doubtless scientific: - the cataleptic instance, with which the series commences, is probably so. The Professor professed himself indifferent whether we believed it to be a case of real mesmerism or not, and on his bill attributes the phenomenon to "the clinical capabilities of the atmosphere." In his second part he, in like manner, reduced the marvels of table-rapping and bell-rapping to their natural level, by the exhibition of prepared vehicles capable of imitating the phenomena. He gives in his programme a curious letter from Mr. D. D. Hume, the American medium, in which he describes his spiritual feats at Knebworth and Ealing, and the impression made by them on Sir Bulwer Lytton, Lord Brougham, Mrs. Trollope, and Sir David Brewster. We fear that Mr. Anderson's exposé of this delusion is itself a delusion; — but the Professor's apparatus is unexceptionable. Among the more usual wonders, were the manufacture of birds from fire and water; and the production of things dead and living from a sketchbook; to which may be added the transference of divers articles into crystal caskets, boxes, bells and drawers, and their restoration washed, clean and perfect after having been torn into pieces. The vanishing trick, also, was accomplished,—four or five individuals being conveyed under an extin-guisher into a small table. The series concluded with the old tricks of "the enchanted chair" and "the charmed chest." The different divisions of his entertainments the Professor calls "Acts." seven of such being comprised in the first part, and These are so arranged as to five in the second. comprehend a cycle of tricks, as it were, in a single evolution, thus lending a dramatic effect to the entire production.

BATTLE of the TCHERNAYA.—BOYAL GALLERY OF LLUSTRATION, 14, Regent Street.—A new Picture, from an original drawing by James Bandell, Esq., representing the Battle-Pield of the recent victory on the Tchernaya, having been added to the "Events of the War,"the Diorama will be kept open a few days longer.—Admission 1s., 2s., and 3s. Daily at Three and Eight o clock

GORDON CUMMING'S WILD SPORTS, 232, Piccadilly.— The Lion-Slayer describes EVERY NIGHT, at Eight, what he Saw and Did in South Africa. Morning Entertainments every Saturday at Three o'clock.—Admittance, is., 2s., and 3s. The Col-lection on view during the day, is.

ENGINEERS, MECHANISTS, ARTISTS, BUILDERS, CHEMISTS, MISICIANS, and all SCIENTIFIC Professionals and Amateurs, will find at the BOYAL POLYTECHNIC every Nevelty, in peace or war, likely to interest Inventors, Capitalists, or Students. MODELS on the largest scale; LECTURES by the ablest Professors; EXHIBITIONS constantly varied, and most instructive and amusins. Open twelve hours daily. Admission into with conductors of Railway Excursions, Hends of Schools, Factories, and large employers of skilled labour; and Special Illustrations given for Operatives and Scholars. Inventors and Manufactures of Unique Articles of Utility and Beauty are invited to judge for themselves of the advantage of having their Designs quented and highly-patronized Institution of the kind in Europe, and one invariably visited by all swams and celebrities arriving in London. Particulars on application, personally or by letter, to J. H. PEPPER, Esq., Managing Director.

ROYAL LYCEUM THEATRE.-On MONDAY,S and every night during the week, the DELASSEMENS MA-GIQUES of PROFESSOR ANDERSON. The Autumn Season of the Lyceum Theatre having Opened with an amount of success unprecedented in the history of Entertainments, THE GREAT WIZARD OF THE NORTH respectfully announces that, in return for the througed, attentive, and applicative patronage of the more a Night, more in walls o Act 1st Locomo Cabalis Act 6th Evapor

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that style, and no one equally clever has shown its adaptation to any other.

This publication is another instance of the much wider and more encyclopedic view of things assumed by modern architecture.

Examples of Building Construction: intended as an Aide-Mémoire for the Professional Man and the Operative; being a Series of Working Drawings to a large Scale. Part I. By Henry Laxton. Civil Engineer Office.

This publication is an indication of the growing love of architecture in England,—that is to say, the growing knowledge rather than the growing per-fection,—and of the hope which exists in many

quarters of educating a higher race of workmen-

not mere hod carriers-but thoughtful, inventive,

aspiring, conscientious men,—men with the energy of England, the taste of France, and the imagina-tion of Germany,—calm, intelligent, industrious,

The elevations given explain all the arrangements and details of trade requisite for carrying out the erection of large buildings. One specimen subjoined to the work is from Whitehall Chapel.

Schiller's Lied von der Glocke. With Forty Wood-Engravings by Bernhard Reher; with Remarks by Dr. Carl Vogel. Leipsic, Weigel; London, Williams & Norgate.

No small part of Schiller's fame as a lyrical writer rests upon his 'Song of the Bell,'—that beautiful expression of the pious earnestness of the Mediæval handicraftsman. We cannot think the present illustrations will much increase the poet's

reputation. They are coarse, empty, and man-nered, unworthy of the work they illustrate, and of the painstaking race from whom the artist

springs. As illustrations, they are simple to bald-

springs. As illustrations, they are simple to paidness; as woodcuts, intolerably rough.

How inadequate such feeble drawing as this to that great poem in which the scenes of life—infancy, manhood, and old age—are so beautifully blended! The poem, with its scene of fire and of revolution, its birth, its wedding, and its burial, intermingled with the chorus of the brawny work-

men as they heap pine-logs on the fire, test the metal, or watch it rush into the mould. What

metal, or watch it rush into the mould. What have we for all this?—nothing but mere balanced figures placed according to rule, and meaning nothing. The figures are all self-conscious and posture-making, and the action is not hearty or thoughtful. The sheep in the pastoral scenes have legs like horses;—the fire-engine is like a portmanteau on wheels;—the pine trees are like Dutch

toys;—the groups are the sort of groups—the sort of passionate groups one sees in the death-scenes

of passionate groups one sees in the death-scenes of operas, where one supernumerary may be seen pulling a face in imitation of the agonies of the dying tenor,—another winking to a friend in the opposite chorus,—half-a-dozen looking obstinately at the gas in the footlights,—one angrily at the band, who are taking the chorus too quick,—while two alone are trying to sympathize with the anguish of the departing hero:—that is to say, showing as much sympathy as you can expect for eighteenpence a night. It may be very well to illustrate cheap books and penny novels with this sort of designs; but Schiller's works should be regarded as too sacred to be touched by profane

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FINE-ART Gossip.—During one of the Queen's promenades through the Fine-Art section of the

Paris Exhibition, one of the small microscopic pictures by M. Meissonnier—the interior of a

cabaret, with soldiers of the Guard of the old kings of France drinking and quarrelling,—caught her eye. The groups were picturesque, the costumes striking, and the degree of finish was marvellous. Her Majesty expressed admiration of the work.

Next morning it was lying in her apartment at St.-Cloud:—a present from the Emperor Napoleon,

who, with Imperial courtesy, had bought the pic-ture for 25,000 francs. He had it taken down from its place, leaving a blank on the wall, which

drew every eye to the spot,—like the one empty space in the portrait-room of the Doge's Palace, and set all tongues in Paris gossiping pleasantly on

It is extraordinary to contemplate the amount of mental labour expended, not merely in the erec-tion of the smallest English mediæval church, but

also in its enrichment and preservation. The riches of mind were offered to God by all who touched its

stones, from the patron who laid the foundation

to the rude mason who carved the finial on the

spire. Each gave freely his labour in his full love

of the work. The roof was a mass of carved wood-work, painted, blazoned, and powdered with stars,

the east window was a prodigy of skill,—the font was blossoming with flower and legend,—the benches were of carved oak. There are inscrip-

tions round the parapets,-there are saints over

the doors and round the tower. The church is as large as a palace, and yet finished with the delicacy of goldsmith's work. The spires are beacon-heights,

and sea-marks,—they are monuments, pantheons, museums,—above all, temples and offerings, not

money traps or theatres, -not show-rooms or places

of assignation,—not sermon chambers, not sleeping chambers. Those men shot right at the heart: and they still reach it and touch it to the quick. Those men worked on their knees, and yet did greater things than we do standing erect and

Architectural Publication Society. Illustrations to the Dictionary of Architecture. Twelve Plates.

THERE are still some difficulties with the Dictionary; though the letter B is going on as well

tionary; though the letter B is going on as well as can be expected. In the prospectus, the Secretary passionately urges on the profession to come forward and encourage C on his first appearance.

The plates are good, honest lithographs—sharp, touchy, and spirited—with all the pungency of pencil drawing, and much of the delicacy of steel engraving. There are bell towers from Amiens and Bath propus from the Pitti Palace a heleave

and Bath, rooms from the Pitti Palace, a balcony from the Hôtel de Ville at Ghent, brackets from

It is for Gothic architecture that lithography is

peculiarly adapted. In Grecian work it grows all middle tint and monotonous; but in Gothic work it catches the inequalities of stone surface, the shadows of bosses, the gleam of illuminated glass, the sharp chip of the chisel, — and all perhaps because Prout once proved its adaptiveness to

Italy, and an apse from Milan.

cornful in our pride.

PINE ARTS

The Ecclesiastical and Architectural Topography of England. Published under the Sanction of the

THIS is one of those correct, fair-printed, full, round-typed publications, with good architectural illustrations, which have become almost a mono-

poly of the firm of Messrs. Parker. The present is an exhaustive work, and worthy of an antiqua-rian and retrospective age. It will no longer leave us with an uneasy, indolent suspicion that in some

mouldy, ivy-grown tower, not twelve miles from

London, may perhaps linger a bas-relief of extra-

ordinary beauty or a monumental figure, the death-smile around whose stony lips has all the sweet,

divine repose of Christian sleep that Angelico has

imparted to paint and canvas. No hope is there now of bruised mosaic wonderful as St. Mark's,

though only a few diamonds might be left, and those crushed by the leaps of drunken ringers in

the belfry. It was a reproach to us that such clues

to a lost art were lying unheeded, perishing daily

by neglect and abuse. The Archæological Institute

has removed this reproach, and mystery hangs no longer over the known and the recorded.

the plan of the work, and proves the careful way

in which the researches, as interesting to us as those making in Thebes or Pompeii, have been prosecuted. The Gothic secret may still be solved,

and we may yet learn how men of rude minds, with poor tools and little wealth, could erect

buildings that laugh to scorn the boasted greatness

and science of a later age,—

"In these days, when the study of Gothic Architecture
has been allowed to assume an importance justly admitting
of its classification as a necessary branch of polite education, a higher standard is expected in its literature; and,
in particular, a far greater degree of accuracy and precision
is required, both in the description of our churches and
other architectural remains, and in the determining of their
styles, or in the assignment of their dates, than in those
days when the statements in the 'Beauties of England and
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styles, or in the assignment of their dates, than in those days when the statements in the 'Beauties of England and Wales' were received as authorities—when all churches with round arches were pronounced Saxon—and before the problem of the variation of the later styles found a solution in the pages of Rickman. Bearing this in mind, the preparation of the following notes has been entrusted only to competent persons; and as some guarantee for their trustworthiness, which in an anonymous publication may fairly be demanded, we here take the opportunity of stating that the greater portion of these notes are from recent actual surveys, undertaken expressly for this work by Mr. Caveler, to whose valuable assistance we have already been indebted in the preparation of the notes for other counties already published in this series. The survey of one considerable district, we should add, is due to the labours of a gentleman, of whom but to mention the name is to inspire confidence,—Mr. T. M. Rickman, the son of, and labouring zealously in the same profession as, the late great, if not the greatest, benefactor to Architectural Study.'

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"The large number of churches in this county will always give it an important place in the Ecclesiastical Tlopgraphy of England;—but it has other and better claims to notice,—there are several peculiarities which especially deserve attention. Perhaps it will be well, first, to notice the materials employed, and the use, judicious or otherwise) made of them. Throughout the county, flint has been very generally used, and this, together with stone, has formed a combination alike curious and beautiful. The manner in which these materials have been introduced will be well understood by those acquainted with this, and the adjoining county of Norfolk: the term by which it may be best described is 'flush-work;' the flint forming the pannel, the stone being on the same face, without any moulded work, and not even raised from the surface, but forming the margin, or division, between the pannels; the beauty, and almost endless variety, of this work is amazing. It has also another recommendation: the absence of moulded

and science of a later age .-

The following extract from the Preface discloses

Suffolk. J. H. & J. Parker.

Central Committee of the Archæological Insti-tute of Great Britain and Ireland. Part VII.

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the magnificence of ce bon Empéreur. The pieture is now in England—at the Palace, and is more talked about in Paris than any other work in—or out of—the Exhibition.

To-day (Saturday) closes the French Exhibition in Pall Mall,—which, since the arrival of Mdlle. Rosa Bonheur's great picture of 'The Horse Fair in Paris,' has been the chief subject of Art-interest in London. It is to be removed bodily—of course with its great attraction—to Glasgow; and will be opened to the public on Wednesday next, the first meeting-day of the members of the British Association.

Majesty commanded a first appearance of Mdlle.

osa Bonheur's picture of 'The Horse Fair Rosa Bonheur's picture of in Paris' at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday The 'Horse Fair' consequently repaired to the Queen's apartments, very much to the confusion of its customary admirers in Pall Mall,—some of whom were loud in their assertion of the indefeasible rights of the British public. Mr. Leech would have found excellent materials for a satirical representation of the "English as they are" in the room of the Exhibition. One country dame declared that she had come up by railway to see this new lion of London; and was obliged to leave again next day by nine o'clock. She was ultimately reconciled to her disappoint ment on hearing that the Queen had to leave town at half-past seven! Her Majesty, we hear, has caused a letter to be written to Mdlle. Bonheur expressive of her admiration, -a rather exceptional, and therefore very complimentary, manner of announcing royal gratification.

Mr. Armitage, we hear, has returned from the Crimea with a portfolio of sketches—consisting of special scenes and portraits. His design, we lieve, is to paint two large pictures-The Battles of Inkermann and Balaclava. Many of these portraits, we are glad to say, are those of private soldiers. In a great picture of "The Soldier's Battle," it is only poetical and artistic justice that the true heroes of the scene should figure conspicuously in its historic commemoration. Death, unbappily, has cut off many of the resources of the painter dealing with such subjects. Natural scenes, of course, remain unchanged; but where are the men who charged the enemy at Balaclava and repulsed him at Inkermann? A few of these heroes still exist; but they are scattered far and wide, and their chiefs and companions nearly all sleep the long sleep under the grass of the Crimea. Calamity, however, endears, immortalizes the spot on which it was borne-the deeds which accompanied it; to the end of time the scattered families of the English race will dwell with proud and pathetic interest on the details of these battles and the pictures of the men who there upheld the glorious traditions of British valour. Mr. Armitage has a great-and an unworn-subject.

One of the most immediate of the artistic memorials of the royal visit to France, will be a representation of the fête at Versailles. The Emperor has commissioned M. Chavet to make a large sepia drawing of the fête, with portraits of all the conspicuous personages of the two courts; -and, in true Imperial fashion, has allowed the artist one month to produce his work. M. Chavet is now in England, waiting the convenience of Her Majesty (whom he must follow to Balmoral), and obtaining such materials for his "court beauties" as he can pick up in a hurried visit. M. Chavet, we believe, is com missioned to execute two drawings of this interesting scene; one in water-colours, intended for a gift from the Emperor to the Queen; the other in sepia, as above said, for the use of the engraver. The engraved work is to form one of the Court series of private illustrations of "Versailles Solemnities." Of course, these plates will not be for sale.

We read in the newspapers that a considerable quantity of spoils from the Kertch Museum have found their way to Southampton. We have not yet heard of any arrivals at the British Museum. These spoils of the Russian War, now in the hands of brokers at Southampton, consist mainly of ancient coins, pottery ware and glass, and metallic vessels. The pottery and vessels are specimens of vases, lamps, bottles, pitchers, tear-vessels or lachrymatories, of Etrussan, Greek, Roman, and other ancient work-

manship. Kertch was famous for the splendid collections in its Museum; and, if the articles which arrive in this country, through private means, belong to the more valuable series, we hope that somebody in authority will keep an eye on the arrivals, and purchase, for the Museum, such specimens as have artistic or historical importance.

Messrs. Hemings, at Bow, have lately constructed a corrugated iron church, with cast-iron ornaments in the Perpendicular style, for the Colonies. Even Vulcan turns Christian. When shall we see a crystal cathedral and an iron palace?

The Building News suggests turning Exeter Change into a large restaurant,—the centre bore to be the chief apartment and the shops side

Amongst other London improvements is the new street from the Strand to Covent Garden. It will extend from Burleigh Street to Tavistock Court. The new road through Kensington and Brompton, leading to the Exhibition Museum, is now opened.

M. Claudot, a French architect, has invented a means of coating stone with a composition resembling marble. It is hard, bright and smooth, and can be coloured in all shades and tints.

The Rhineland papers report that the Mediæval monument, "Hochkreuz," situated on the high road between Bonn and Godesberg, is to be restored in its original form. According to the Kölner Chronik, it was erected, in 1333, by Count Walram, of Juliers, Archbishop of Cologne. The statuary part of the restoration will be executed by two young sculptors of Cologne, Herren Mohr and Fuchs,—the first well known already by the part he takes in the completion of the Cathedral of his native town.

A statue of the "Great Elector" has been erected, by command of the King of Prussia, on the island of Rügen. It is executed by Herr Stürmer, of Berlin, and stands on the top of a column forty feet high.—In the Royal Gardens, at Sans-souci, a new fountain, borne by four colossal sea-horses, from the hands of Prof. Kiss, will soon attract the eyes of the curious. The preparatory works have been already commenced.

St. Petersburgh journals announce that an Exhibition of Fine Arts will be held in that capital this year—in spite of the war.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

THE BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL. - The continuation and completion of the morning performances at the Birmingham Festival handsomely bore out the excellence of the first two days. The execution of the choruses in 'The Messiah' and 'Israel' was a thing to be remembered so long as memory shall last. 'The Requiem,' too, went, on the whole, nobly; but the more delicate portions of it were perilled by the incompetence of Herr Formes, who did not know or did not care, about his part, either alternative not being creditable to a German 'The Mount of Olives' was the least well given of any of the oratorios; we must note, however, that the German tenor, Herr Reichardt, on whom the most arduous portion of the solo duties fell, sang better than we ever heard him sing before. It would seem as if he had been listening to counsel, and has been studying for that refine ment and suavity of tone, without which there is no singing, let the organ be ever so powerful-let the knowledge of music be ever so complete. Perhaps the reason why Beethoven's sacred Cantata never goes well in England may be because it is so little sacred, and because such discrepancy betwixt the theme and its treatment is inevitably felt by those who take part in its execution. certain section of connoisseurs, who will not take the trouble to analyze and compare, are fond of talking about Rossini's 'Stabat' as light and theatrical -and yet, respective schools and countries considered, the tone of that composition is sanctified - sober - sublime even-if it be compared with the tone of Beethoven's Calvary and Gethsemane picture.

The Evening Concerts at Birmingham, though fully attended (the last more fully than any pre-

vious entertainment of the kind), did not equal the morning performances. The superb orchestra, it is true, played favourite overtures with fire and spirit enough to "create a soul under the ribs of death." Mr. Macfarren's Cantata had the advantage of a strong cast of solo singers, while Mr. Howard Glover's was undertaken by Mr. Reeves; but the concert-music was performed less fault-lessly than that of the oratorios had been. There was not even an attempt at an instrumental solo. Why (as we are on this subject), it may be asked, was not the organ—that pride of Birmingham—displayed? It was, this year, in perfect tune. Some reconsideration of this moiety of our Festival entertainments is much needed. culties as regards the amount of rehearsal possible, and of combining popularity with sterling value in selection, are great; but they are still, we apprehend, not insuperable. It remains to be added, that praise must be given to Madame Castellan, Miss Dolby, to Signor Gardoni and to Mr. Weiss (who sang in the Elijah) for having all done their best,—that Madame Grisi and Signor Mario, too, seemed to share the spirit of the week. It is worthy of commemoration that, in spite of the absence of Madame Novello's voice, and the disappointment caused by the severe illness of Madame Bosio, which prevented that Lady's appearance, neither drawback was fatal to the success, nor told sensibly on the brilliancy of the meeting. Such a fact marks an advance in taste. While, as our clients must know, we are always recommending the singer to study for perfect vocal command and intellectual conception, and thus to justify his claims to a high share of public favour, as fellow-worker with the creative artist, we are glad to perceive that performances on a magnificent scale, excellently conducted, will attract a public and excite enthusiasm, albeit, one star" stand out for terms, and another be withdrawn from the festivity by inevitable accident. Managed as the Birmingham Festival is, there is no fear of its failing for lack of a Lind, or though the year in which it is held may chance to be a year when men's minds are vexed, and their means limited by grave anxieties and events.

HAYMARKET .- A comedy in three acts, from the pen of Mr. Stirling Coyne, was produced on Monday, entitled 'The Man with many Friends.' The subject of the play does not exactly carry out the meaning of the title, which implies the inconvenience of having too many people willing to serve you, and by their injudicious conduct bringing you into trouble. "Save me from my friends!" exclamation of only too obvious a significance, No such psychological purpose is involved in Mr. Coyne's design. His hero, Mr. Popples, a soidisant doll-maker, is simply a rich parvenu surrounded with parasites whom he seeks to get rid of. The action is one entirely of re-action. Popples may have been victimized before the rise of the curtain, but afterwards is more than a match for the victim-makers. One great source of hu-mour is therefore precluded. Nothing remains, in fact, but that his wife should become as wide awake as himself, and the matter is settled. There is some little difficulty in this, for the lady is vain of her aristocratic acquaintance, and is somewhat scandalized that they should be intruded upon by an old rustic friend of her husband's, Sam Skrymsher (Mr. Compton), whose costume is not precisely of the drawing-room cut. Sam is accordingly stowed away in a private chamber, where Popples had been in secret engaged in constructing a model doll, capable of uttering "Mamma;"—from this retreat, however, he breaks forth, to the amazement of the whole party. He nevertheless makes good his ground, and, at length, all are enough at Popples' expense. Hawkshaw (Mr. Howe) would sell the supposed dupe, Popples, his pair of duns and phaeton; and the Honourable Mr. Veneer (Mr. W. Farren) would deprive his unsuspecting host of his too easy wife. The loving couple are indeed made mutually jealous-he by means of a portrait furtively obtained from her dressing-table by Veneer, and she by means of the speaking doll aforesaid, whose solitary note is taken for that of a child

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concealed in the carefully guarded apartment. But the main action proceeds regardless of such circumstances, and the intrusive guests are dis-nosed of by means of a promise that the most faithful of them shall be rewarded by Popples with an ornamental gift of silver; whereupon they begin to betray each other, and when brought face to face are glad enough to disperse before the ex-pected dinner can be served in. Skrymsher is Popples' agent in bringing about this state of things. Of a plot so meagre as this, the interest was entirely exhausted before the middle of the was entrety enabled to second act; and Mrs. Popples's jealousy by reason of the doll proved an impossible situation from the insufficiency of its basis. Whatever may be the value of the opposite elements of expectation and surprise in a dramatic point of view in relation to the highest tragic interest, the latter fre-quently tells effectively in brief vaudeville; and if the doll-utterance had been made a mysterious sound proceeding from the secret closet, the cause of which was not divulged until the denoûment of the piece, the device might have proved as strik-ing as it was novel. The playwright's constructive skill, having missed the right direction, was expended in vain efforts to support the inane conreresation of fops and fools competing with one another to fleece the new-made man of fortune. The performers seemed far from happy in their parts, and we think we never saw Mr. Buckstone, who did his best to support the doll-making hero, to so little advantage. It must not, however, be supposed that the piece was not decidedly clever in regard to stage-tact and writing ;—but this cleverness was wasted in the expedients available to an ness was wasted in the expedients available to an experienced dramatist for evading difficulties, instead of being properly used in the prior conception and arrangement of the theme and incidents. Too much has been lately made of mere stage-carpentry, and there are critics, who lose themselves in enthusiastic admiration of the ingenuity it develops; but no more fatal error can beset a theatrical writer than to trust to its results, in preference to that which constitutes the vital interest and legitimate organization of a dramatic work. One may be learned, by translating French models, and mechanically imitated;—but the latter implies invention and genius, and the cultivation of certain poetic powers which may as strongly exhibit themselves in the judicious structure as in the dialogue of a play.

ADELPHI.—The drama of 'Victorine' was revived on Thursday week. The work is one of Mr. Buckstone's most pleasing stage productions; and is equally ingenious and simple in its design and execution. Mrs. Leigh Murray performed the part of the accomplished dreamer with appropriate versatility and force of character; and the piece is likely to enjoy a renewed life for a short period. We perceive that it has also been revived at the STRAND Theatre.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP,-The Philharmonic reformers, it is to be feared, will share the fate of former dissentients who have agitated with more zeal than clear-sightedness or unanimity; and may possibly break up their phalanx without having effected anything beyond giving a new proof that musicians cannot carry out their purpose.

The Committee for reconsidering the Laws of the Philharmonic Society has drawn out a series of resolutions, which have been carried; but it does not follow, therefore, that they will be adopted by the larger body, whose members they were intended to influence: and our doubt on the subject is heightened by a rumour that the Committee intends to reconsider its own reconsiderations,— owing to the difficulty of working out some of the principles most important to the maintenance of a society of artist-musicians. It is bardly possible to form an efficient musical directory, liable to no mistrust, without excluding therefrom musicians who might naturally expect engagements at the best instrumental concert in London ;-the other alternatives being the election by A. of A. to fill such or such other post, to the prejudice of B, C, or D,—or else, the reposing of entire confidence and despotic power in the hands | prompt and loyal correction being far different

of the conductor for the season. Another cause of decay to which we have again and again called attention—namely, the difficulty of sustaining the attention—namely, the dimculty of sustaining the interests of eight concerts—has been met, it is said, by a proposition to reduce the number of entertainments to six. We can hardly fancy a measure which more clearly confesses weakness and inability than this. It is virtually a capitulation which announces that the battle is lost. The pretext that the two concerts given before Easter than the two concerts given before Easter than the two concerts that the two concerts the concert that the two concerts that the two concerts the co present that the two concerts given before Easter have, during late years, been always given at a loss is but an idle one. As well might the Exeter Hall Oratorios adjourn their operations till Lent is well over and London full; while every musician must know that as the spring advances good re-hearsals become more and more difficult, as engagements, with their inevitable fatigue, multiply and increase. Let it be remembered that in the days when the Philharmonic Concerts were founded, the English public for such music was not one-tenth in number of what it is at present. Again, supposing the dearness of the entertainment to be alleged as a reason why it is less frequented than formerly,-what is our answer? An assertion that formerly,—what is our answer: An assertion that the public is never frightened by high prices, supposing high perfection can be attained. In this matter, too, the history of the Sacred Harmonic Society may be cited by way of confirmation. This body, from a universal three-shilling admission, has crept up to half-guinea and five-shilling tickets, and with progressively increasing audiences. There are certain musical excellencies with which cheapness is not compatible (those of such a concert as the Philharmonic Concert among the number):since cheapness must imply audiences by the thousand; whereas the best symphonic music does not want, and hardly can bear, such vast assemblages for its due relish and acceptance. In brief, the qualities that are wanting—unselfishness, energy, and diligence in selection, and an uncompromising determination to obtain the best possible execution—seem, as the musical profession stands, to be visionary desiderata; and hence, though the ameliorations proposed seem to us but limited and evasive, we shall not be surprised to hear that they are set aside, nor wonder if the end of Moore's King Crack befalls an institution once so animated and so animating, and if the old idols

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Are once again set grinning up in their places for a year or two longer.

Some of the most active and malicious members of the family Make-bate (to adopt the style of quaint John Bunyan) are in and about every theatre and place of public entertainment, nor have they a commoner device for ingratiating themselves with any great man than by trying to persuade the same that he has been intrigued around a deprival of his due place and position. against and deprived of his due place and position. Something of the kind has been attempted in respect to M. Meyerbeer's late visit to London, since spect to M. Meyerbeer's late visit to London, since a French journal, we perceive, has declared that, out of jealousy, the composer of 'L'Étoile' was prevented from doing what M. Meyerbeer has never done in Paris:—conducting in person the work this year produced at our Royal Italian Opera. M. Meyerbeer has been at once too honourable and too shrewd to fall into the trap, and to allow mis-statement to pass unreproved and uncontradicted,—having addressed a letter on the subject to the Musical World, which journal had adverted to the Parisian rumours. From this letter we shall extract a passage which will be of interest to some among our readers. Speaking of the erroneous statements in the French journal as having given him much pain, M. Meyerbeer con-

tinues thus:—

"Mr. Costa gave me so many proofs of zeal and devotedness during the rehearsals of 'L'Étoile,' and conducted the
orchestra with such admirable talent, that I am, in great
part, indebted to him for the excellent execution of that
opera. Besides, Mr. Costa, far from opposing himself to
my directing the orchestra on the first performances, entreated me earnestly, on many different occasions, to do so.
If, in spite of this, I did not comply, it is because the hearing
of operas given at Covent Garden before mine had made
me appreciate the high intelligence with which Mr. Costa
conducted all the works in question, and because I could
not entrust the directing of my music to hands more skilful
and conscientious."

from those hollow and offensive testimonials, socalled, which musicians are too apt to give and too greedy to receive.

Controversy concerning Church matters, which has made so much noise in Belgravia, has gone down the road to Chelsea, and the choir at St. Mark's College, which, of late years, has been growing up into a certain importance among those growing up into a certain importance among those who love antique music, is now threatened with visitation, censure, and extinction by the party whom too much foppery on the one hand has stirred up into too fierce opposition on the other. Much is it to be wished that the spirit of the Rector of Liverpool's excellent pamphlet (noticed, at the time of its appearance, in the Atheneum) was more largely brought into the discussions of these questions—that the dogmatists would cease to maintain one form, or style, of music as the only one in anywise warrantable or to be suffered—and that the dissentients would admit the possi-—and that the dissentients would admit the possi-bility of a ritual being stately or simple, severe or sympathetic, as circumstance and place seem to

We heard in Birmingham the other day, that another Musical Festival is contemplated by the gentlemen of Bradford, to be held in their Town Hall next year. The Bradford chorus is, by universal testimony, declared to be about the finest in tone which we possess. Some half a hundred of its best voices formed a part of the excellent choir

at Birmingham.

It is stated in the American papers that M.

Jullien will not, as was supposed, return to
America this "fall," but will defer his second visit to the United States till the excitement caused by Mdlle. Rachel's first appearances there shall have passed.—Play-goers in our Eldorado seem to have a purer taste than the crowds got together in Drury Lane to admire and applaud Mr. G. V. Brooke:—since, we read, that the tragedian's performances in Australia have been less successful than the American proculators by whom he is than the American speculators, by whom he is understood to be farmed, had anticipated. — Madame Ristori, it is said, will pass the winter in St. Petersburgh.—Madame Lafon, of the *Grand* Opéra in Paris, is said to be engaged at Covent Garden next year: we presume with a view of her appearing in 'Les Vêpres Siciliennes' of Signor Verdi.

The commencement of the legitimate dramatic season at the surburban and East End theatres is indicated by the re-opening of Sadler's Wells under the direction of Mr. Phelps, and the advent, as a star, of Mr. Anderson at the Standard; both of which events take place this evening. The poetic drama finds refuge for a time in such humble temples;—but the success which it has already experienced with the working population will, doubtless, lead to efforts on the part of these and other similarly situated managements, that must, at length, excite competition at the more fashion-able theatres. More than one five-act play have been produced at the East End which have afterwards lived; while at the more favoured West such attempts have failed from the want of sincerity in the projectors. We hear of some designs which justify our expectations.

MISCELLANEA

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Birmingham.—A remark in the Athenaum of August
23th, to the effect that Bromwycham is possibly the proper
name of Birmingham, induces me to submit the following
remarks to the editor and the public. The names of two
Birtish places mentioned by Ptolemy, A.D. 120, bear a certain resemblance to the word Birmingham,—namely, Bromenium and Brannogenium. But he places the former
among the Otadent, on the banks of the Tyne, and the
latter among the Ordovices, in North Wales. It is, therefore, impossible that either of these can have been the original of the present Midland metropolis, so far as the
authority of Ptolemy can be relied on. Richard of Cirenceater puts Hremenium among the Brigantes, but even they
were north of the Humber. This verbal coincidence may,
no doubt, be absolutely discarded. The word Birmingham
is so thoroughly Saxon in its construction, that nothing
short of positive historical evidence would warrant us in
assigning any other than a Saxon origin to it. The final
syllable Ann means a home or residence, and Berminguz
would be a patronymic or family name, meaning the Berms
(from Berm, a man's name, and ing or sing, the young,
progeny, race or tribe). The word, dissected in this manner,
would signify the home or residence of the Berms; and
there can be little question that this is its true meaning.
Hutton, the historian, who was quaint and humorous, but

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far from learned or profound, has grounded a theory on the ulgar nickname of the place, Brummagem. Noticing that there are places adjoining named West Bromwich, Castle Bromwich, Little Bromwich, and Hromford, (From meaning a broom, wie or wich, a village, the Latin vicus), and that writers in former times have often spelt the word Bromwicham, Bramicham, &c., he pronounces this the original name of the place, and interprets it the Home is the Broom Village. But this is a gross misconception of the principles of Saxon momenclature. Wie or wich is a very frequent terminative to compound names of places in England, as are various others, such as burgh, den, field, forth, gate, hurst, stead, ton, wood and worth, each having a well-known meaning. Now, there is not a single place in England the name of which is constructed of ham appended to a compound word ending in wich, or in any other of these ordinary terminatives. No such name as Sandwicham, Fordwicham, Norwicham, Droitwicham, &c. is to be found in the kingdom. Bromwicham is, therefore, a colned word. Fordwicham, Norwicham, Droitwicham, &c. is to be found in the kingdom. Bromwicham is, therefore, a coined word, and may be dismissed as bad Saxon. Indeed, ham almost always, if not quite, implies the home or some one. Bermingeha is the name given to the town in Doomsday Book, which is the oldest historical record in which it is mentioned, and this name, with various spellings, is adopted wherever the place is spoken of in any legal or official document. We find a noble family de Bermingham in 1154, a lawsuit connected with Byrmingeham, and numerous other instances. Where the word is written Bromwicham or Bramicham, it is always in documents not professing exactness in this particular, of a comparatively recent date, and in micham, it is always in documents not professing exactness in this particular, of a comparatively recent date, and in which the loose spelling of the age would be sure to prevail. Such is an entry in his accounts by a village churchwarden in 1497, incidental mention of the place by Leland, Clarendon, and other writers. To show what little value attaches to these documents in a question of this kind, the following quotations may be made from the Diary of Sir Moger Twisden:—"118 Sept. 1855. I was at Aldyngton Court."—"16 Sept. 1838. I was at Aldynton Court."—"16 Sept. 1838 at Aldynton Court."—"16 have a the mame of a place in Kent, where he went to attend the Dens Court, on business connected with his own property in Sept. 1638. I was at Aldynton Court."—"16:99. I was at Aldington Court." Here he spells in three different ways the name of a place in Kent, where he went to attend the Dens Court, on business connected with his own property in the neighbourhood. The evidence of Doomsday Book and other authentic instruments is not to be superseded by the casual orthography of writers such as this, especially when it would lead us to the adoption of a word in violation of Saxon usage as displayed in the name of every other townin the kingdom. As Bermingham appears undoubtedly to have been the original name of the place, let us next inquire whether a satisfactory meaning can be assigned for the word. Hutton draws a fanciful picture of Birmingham as the seat of metal works before the Roman era, which would of course imply that it was of British origin. This is all imagination. Doomsday Book mentions no iron-works either in Staffordshire or Shropshire, although it does in other counties. It is, therefore, probable that none existed up to that date, and that Birmingham took its name from some Saxon or Panish adventurer, named Berm or Beorm, who acquired possession of the woodlands, pastures, and corn-fields, which then constituted its only source of revenue. Boormingeham, the home of the Berms, was probably the first name it bore. Who were the Berms? It is evident that they were a tribe of some importance, since they have left their names in at least nine counties. Thus, we have Birm-ingham in Warwick and Bedford; Birmington, variously spelt, in Warwick, Hants, Devon, Witts and Derbyshire; Barm-ing in Kent; Barms-ton in Yorkshire and Durham; Berm-ondeey in Surrey; Rerms-ley in Stafford and Yorkshire; Berms-plet in Hampshire. In the entire absence of historical record, we can only use conjecture respecting this extensive tribe of Berms, and the following may perhaps be a warrantable guess. The modern Russian province called Perm was formerly known as Byarmia, and still more anciently as Bermas. May not a tribe from this district have milation to modern usage which has softened Beorningelam into Birmingham. It may also be mentioned that there are Klint Rocks near St. Petersburgh and Clent Hills mear Birmingham, but I am not able to assign any importance to this coincidence. Birmingham, 4th Sept. 1855.

Campaign of the Press.—Will you permit me to inform you that the idea of an army car-rying with it a printing-press, adverted to by you, is by no means of Transatlantic origin; but, if due to anybody, to our own immortal Wellington? In Larpent's 'Private Journal' you will find frequent mention of the Adjutant-General's printing-press. I cite two passages, Vol. I. p. 103:

"The verses I enclose you (and which are printed at the Adjutant-General's portable press used to print the army orders, &c.) give a very fair description of the life in Portugal." And again, the same volume, p. 177, "The Adjutant-General's office, where the printing-press is all day at work." I am, &c., JAMES C. WEBSTER,

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